

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH
IN SOUTH BURLINGTON! DIRECTIONS ON PAGE 5.

Meeting Location:

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

6.00 Hospitality Time and
Flea Market Vendors (entire
evening)

7.00 Dinner

7.45 Business Meeting

8.00 Show and Tell and
sharing of Holiday Memories

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Champlain Valley
Quilters' Guild



President's Address

DECEMBER 2014

HOLIDAY PARTY & QUILTERS' FLEA MARKET

Happy Holidays! Are all of your gifts already made or close to being completed? I haven't even started!! I'll be trying to catch up during Thanksgiving week when I'll be doing a 'staycation' from work. The fridge will be full of leftovers, and I can spend more time sewing.

The Holiday season is a wonderful time when we make time to get together with family and friends. I hope that all of you will come and share in the joy of the season at our annual HOLIDAY PARTY on December 2 at Saint John Vianney Church on Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. An evening of fun is planned with refreshments, Quilters' Holiday Flea Market, show and tell, and sharing of holiday traditions.

Back by popular demand is the Quilters' Holiday Flea Market where you can do some shopping and support our members. Sellers must sign up by calling Joanne Guillemette (862.0915) **no later than November 26**. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Come support the group and do some holiday shopping. See more info in the newsletter on this activity.

Our hospitality time will start earlier than our meetings so join us at 6 p.m. We'll have a short business meeting along with our special activities and show and tell. Think about sharing some of your holiday memories with others either around the table or during show and tell. We'd love to hear of your family's traditions.

This is a good time to don your holiday finery, do a little shopping, and mingle with friends new and old. For show & tell, we would love to see those holiday projects you have made.

Please bring along a sweet or savory to share with others! In the meantime, I'd like to wish our Guild Members a Happy Thanksgiving!

Marty DelNevo

2014-2015 Officers & Committees

President – Marty DelNevo
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 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
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

Raffle Quilt Committee

It's time to start thinking about next year's raffle quilt! Our raffle quilt is the biggest fund raiser for our Guild. We'd like to see this be a more inclusive activity and have more member input and participation for this important activity.

The committee would be responsible for developing a theme and design (or multiple) for next year's raffle quilt and oversee the construction of the quilt. The group would also be free to brainstorm ideas for showcasing the raffle quilt in additional venues; i.e., other shows, shops, etc., so that the quilt would receive more exposure.

Please let Marty know (878-7457 or msundbyvt@comcast.net) if you'd be interested in participating in this activity.

Holiday Flea Market Returns!

The opportunity to share in a holiday shopping experience with fellow guild members returns to the December 2nd holiday guild meeting. If you would like to be a vendor, the fee is **\$5.00, payable at time of set up, for a half 8' table.**



Call for Sunflower Applique Mystery Quilt Blocks

At our December holiday meeting, I will present information on how guild members can contribute sunflower applique blocks to an interstate community quilt project I am working on with fellow quilter and retired bee researcher Dr. Diana Sammaturo. Proceeds from the sale of the quilt will benefit Bees for Development, a non-profit organization that helps educate and support beekeepers, especially the poor, in developing countries to ensure a sustainable future for bees, people, and the environment.

The pattern, instructions and detailed information will be available at the December meeting and on the website later in December.

Thank you for your consideration and I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our holiday gathering!

Hope Johnson

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild Minutes, November 4th, 2014

Marty DelNevo, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting, held at St John Vianney Church in South Burlington. Program co chair Pat Hechmer introduced the evening's speaker, Mary Stori of North Carolina who showed slides of many of her projects and spoke about her methods of embellishing quilts.

After the break, reports and discussion of the annual quilt show financial statement were presented. The show was well received and the receipts in many areas were up, especially admissions. However, the amount raised by the raffle quilt was down. All the bills have not been paid, so a final accounting will come later. The discussion on whether to continue to hold the show every year is ongoing and the board and show committee members will meet on Tuesday, November 11th to discuss this. Marty invited members to let her know their thoughts and urged them to come to the meeting. A decision should be made by January. Thanks was expressed to all the volunteers!!

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter on a motion from Teela Dufresne and Linda Lees. Hope Johnson reported for Joanne Guilmette on plans for the flea market at the December Holiday party. Half a table will cost \$5.00 and members must contact Joanne to reserve a table by November 26th. Her phone number is 862 0915.

Donations of sweets or savories will be welcome at the Holiday party. Two requests from non members wanting help with quilts were presented and two members volunteered. Community Quilts chairs, Gail Babiner and Carol Thurgate, announced a workshop which will be held November 15th, at which quilts will be prepared for quilting. The committee would welcome help delivering quilts, and are especially needing machine quilters to help out. It was pointed out that this is a great way to practice machine quilting.

The raffle quilt blocks were won by chair, Michelle Cummings, who announced a fabric swap of fat eight size scraps will be held at the December meeting. Barbara Harrison presented the Quilts of Valor raffle prize to Barbara Carter. Michelle Cummings was the winner of the name tag raffle presented by Pam Farnsworth. The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter

A Talk with Barbara Harrison about the Quilts of Valor Raffle.

Tell us how the Quilts of Valor Raffle works.

Six meetings each year, we make a prize of several items, many including chocolate, and sell tickets at the meeting. We draw a ticket that evening and one member goes home with the basket. The tickets cost \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Where can we find you?

I'm at a table in the lobby of the Essex venue along with all the other members. I'm usually there early and also sell a few tickets at the break.

Where does the money raised go?

The money raised is used to help pay for batting and backings for the quilts members make and donate to the program. Some may also be used to ship the quilts.

Is there anything we can do to help besides buying tickets?

I'd love to have someone join me selling and perhaps take over for a while so I could visit the other tables or the Library. It's a great way to meet people.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

We will be having our very popular fat quarter basket to raffle at the May meeting. (I won this my first year as a member, and it was a real treat!!) Fat quarters may be given to me at any meeting.

An historical note: This raffle was originally started about ten years ago as the stocking raffle to help pay for items to fill the bags and stockings which were made by members and given to various organizations for their clients each December. When that program was discontinued, it was decided this would be a good way to help pay for Quilts of Valor supplies.

Programs Search Committee

Would you like to help select speakers for upcoming programs? Would you like to know how our speakers are chosen? Then please consider joining a Programs Search Committee. Responsibilities include suggesting, researching, and selecting speakers. Meetings will be kept to a minimum. Contact Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer. Email: programs@cvqgvt.org.

Details Upcoming Program

Tuesday, January 6 Lecture at Essex Alliance Church

Dominique Ehrmann <http://pages.videotron.com/quilt/3DEN.html>

From Technique to Magic



Dominique joins us from St. Sophie, Quebec. A former chocolatier and baker, she discovered quilting in 2005.

Dominique's 3-D quilts are unique in the world of quilting. In 2013, her quilt "Come Follow Me" was the winner of many Canadian and US awards. The quilt was featured in the Kathonah Museum of Art as part of an exhibition called: "Beyond the Bed - the Quilt Evolution in America and was reviewed in the New York Times. In 2013,

Dominique taught herself to quilt. She creates in 3-D because that is her creative vision. Her work defies categorization. She'll tell us the story of how she came to create her unique quilts as well as the techniques she uses to "build" a 3-D quilt.

UPCOMING CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2014-2015

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.

January 6: Dominique Ehrmann

February 3: Joanne Shapp

March 3: Member Trunk Show

April 7: Meg Cox

May 5: Debby Kratovil

June 2: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction

Board and Show Committee Meeting

11 members of the guild board and show committee met to discuss the results of the quilt show for 2014 and the prospects for 2015. The discussion was wide ranging and included talk of the venue, the date and the raffle quilt among other aspects of the show. Each part of the show was discussed, including judging, the vendors, and even the parking.

It was felt that it was positive to share the date and space with the rug hookers. They have not made a decision as far as we know as to whether they will have a show next year or not. (Their practice has been to have their show every other year but did so well this year, they are considering having another show next year.)

Much time was spent talking about the raffle quilt. The past several years, the raffle quilt has provided any profit we have made. Concern was expressed that we need to make the production of the quilt more inclusive and look for more places to show it and sell tickets. It was also felt that we should consider making two quilts one year so the quilt can be shown for a whole year. The chance to show it at the fair is most important and we need to be careful not to lose our space.

We also discussed in some detail how to convince more members to buy or sell tickets, and if that doesn't happen, if it will be necessary to raise the dues. No decision was taken on that. It was decided that we would try to use one judge at our next show and will strive to find someone who lives nearby. The plan is to find more vendors and since this show has been more successful, the feeling is that we would attract more vendors..

No decision was made on whether we should have a show every year, but it was evident that we would need a raffle quilt even if a show did not happen.

Linda Lazarowski is going to contact the rug hookers to learn of their plans for next year, plus speaking to the management of the Exposition to see if the space is available for the same weekend and whether the charges would be the same next year. (We have heard that they would really like us back.) It was strongly felt that we should follow the rug hookers' schedule. Stay tuned, and please send comments or suggestions to Marty at the website.

Barbara Carter, Secretary



Scrap Scramble!

Is the name of the game for December Block of the Month
at the Guild Meeting.

Bring in a bag of scraps that you would like to shift out of your stash. Try to make sure they are a minimum of a Fat Eighth so that it would be something someone else would delight in

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 below is to Google maps showing you its location:

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