

NOTE: The DECEMBER Meeting will be held at St. John Vianney Church, 150 Hinesburg Rd, S. Burlington! Directions are at the bottom of this first page.

Meeting Location:
St. John Vianney Church
150 Hinesburg Rd,
S. Burlington, VT

6:30-7:00:

*Welcome to all

*Adjourn to Sanctuary

7:00-End:

*HOLIDAY PARTY!!

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BEST WISHES OF THE
SEASON TO ALL OF YOU!!

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



DECEMBER 2010

Presidential Address

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. I flew to Huntsville, Alabama with my husband to spend ten days with our daughter and her family. It is a chance to get away from all of my frantic sewing for Christmas and hopefully enjoy some warmer weather for a few days.

The quilt show was wonderful. Every time that I was there, I saw many of our members volunteering in some capacity or strolling through the show. The lunch that was provided for all the volunteers on Thursday was amazing. Nobody left that table hungry. We will get together for our Holiday Party and we will fill the stockings and sacks and then we will enjoy all of the nibbles that all of us have brought to the meeting.

Don't forget that the December meeting will be at St. John Vianney Catholic Church on Hinesburg Road. In January, we will be back at the Essex Alliance Church. Looking forward to seeing all of you on December 7.

Rita Bortz

HOLIDAY PARTY INVITATION

Come and share in the joy of the season at our annual HOLIDAY PARTY on December 7 at St. John Vianney Church in So Burlington. An evening of fun is planned with refreshments, show and tell, stocking stuffing, games and prizes.

Donna Johnson has lots of goodies for us to put in the stockings everyone has worked so hard to make. Hospitality time, as usual, starts at 6:30 followed by a short business meeting and the special activities. This is a good time to don your holiday finery and to bring your holiday show & tell. **If you like, you may bring a sweet or savory to share.**

Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell

Directions to St. John Vianney Church, 150 Hinesburg Rd, S. Burlington!
This is where we are meeting for the DECEMBER meeting.

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.

Champlain Valley Quilter's Guild Minutes, November 2nd, 2010

President Rita Bortz opened the meeting and announced for Karen Abrahamovich that results for the UFO project could be e mailed to her. She also announced that June Sweeney has agreed to be the new treasurer of the guild. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday November 9th at Yankee Pride. Our speaker was Elaine Quehl who showed slides and some of her quilts as she told us about her quilting journey.

After the break, Rita chaired the business meeting.

Ruth Whitaker thanked all the members who had helped with food at the show. Susan Rivers thanked all the people who had helped with the show the weekend before at Shelburne Farm. Anne Standish won Best of Show. There will be a financial report at the next meeting. The show wrap up meeting will be held November 30th. Susan Raimy of the guild won the raffle quilt. Wendy Thompson presented Sue with a tote bag made of the raffle quilt materials, and Barbara Carter with a replica wall hanging of the raffle quilt as thank yous.

Janet Brunet announced that Barnes and Noble is having a fund raiser for the Lowell Quilt Museum.

Pam Farnsworth held the raffle for the name tag prize. Anne Standish won a wrist pincushion made by Joanne Guilmette.

Esther Nui, the newsletter editor explained how to send articles for publication and told us the deadline is the fifteenth of each month.

Hope Johnson announced Stitched is having a sewing day on November 20th to make dolls and pillow-cases.

Librarian Claire Graham Smith showed some of the new items available for borrowing. DVDs of lessons from several teachers are available for a deposit of \$25.00 for a month. The library list for the website is being updated.

Ruth Whitaker presented the stocking raffle. It was put together by Carol Derda, and won by Tammie. Wendy Thompson for Community Quilts announced that there will be no kits available at the December meeting but finished ones may be returned. The raffle was won by Colette Kaiser.

A thank you from Dragonheart which received a donation in honor of Michelle who gives us such great help at the fair was read.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as printed on motion of Andre Emmell and Hope Johnson.

The raffle block for December was presented by Claire Graham Smith. The October blocks were won by Wendy Thompson.

Membership chair Marty DelNevo announced the new membership list is available . New members have a star on their badge. There are still name tags and membership cards not picked up.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell on motion of Teela Dufresne and Andre Emmell.

Barbara Carter

Help requested for Show and Tell: Karey Young needs a volunteer to take down the names of the individuals showing their quilts during Show and Tell at the quilt meetings. If you can help, please speak to Karey Young (kyoung1@marykay.com or 878-7480

Ride requested: Aneca Corvo would love a ride from Winooski to the Guild meetings. Please email her at quiltedcrow@comcast.net She DOES NOT have a phone currently. Thank you. Aneca Corvo

Please Use the Microphone!

Hold it VERY CLOSE to your mouth. Don't be afraid to speak up clearly. Thank you!
Sue Rivers, hard of hearing

2010-2011 Officers & Committees

President – Rita Bortz
 VP – Andre Emmell
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Thea Platt (June Sweeney takes over in January 2011)
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell
 Membership: Marty DelNevo
 Webmaster: Priscilla Roehm
 Quilt Show Chairman: Sue Rivers
 Librarian – Claire Graham-Smith
 Bus Trips – ???
 Tea Cup Auction – Ruth will continue organizing food.
 Silent Auction – Marty DelNevo
 Charity Quilts – Shirley Fuller & Wendy Thompson
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Stocking Raffle – Ruth Whitaker
 Photographer – Karey Young
 Historian – Joanne Guilmette
 Storage Area – Linda Lees and Claire Graham-Smith
 Raffle Blocks – Anne Standish and Claire Graham-Smith
 Info Booth – Pam Farnsworth
 Christmas Stockings – Donna Johnson
 Green Mountain Rep – Claire Graham-Smith
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

Programs at a Glance

(See our website for detailed information)

Dec. 7: Holiday Party
Loc: St. John Vianney Church
 Jan. 4: Gerald Roy
(1 ½ hours – no Show & Tell)
 Feb. 1: Joanne Lattrell
 Mar. 1: Marie Bostwick
 Apr. 5-6: Anne Gallo & Sue Raban
 May 3-4: Nancy Prince
 June 7: Potluck Supper & Teacup Auction



Mitzi Oakes, Wilma Gatti and Valentina Gatti at the Quilt Show!

News from the Library

The Library is pleased to announce the introduction of a new service. We now have DVDs available to members. These are quilt class workshop DVDs by well known teachers. Like attending a class with them- but at home. Currently we have four, and plan to add more. So this is how it works:

As with books you are requested to borrow them for one month at a time. Fill in the card on the back of the box and return it to the basket, just like books.

To borrow one, find Claire. Give her a DEPOSIT check of \$25. No cash please. This will be returned when you return the DVD. When the check is received, the disc will be given to you. Note, none of the DVD cases contain the actual disc.

Claire will hold the check. If the DVD is not returned after 3 months, the money will be used to replace the DVD. Questions?? Ask Claire Graham-Smith.
 Claire Graham-Smith

Community Quilts

Community Quilts will not be open for business at the December meeting. If you really want to turn in quilts contact me directly or wait till the January meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone.
 Shirley Fuller (safuller50@gmail.com)

Quilt Show Raffle Winners

I had the pleasure again of calling the raffle prize winners to tell them they had won. Nearly every one of them said, "I never win anything!!" Susan Raimy, a member of the guild was the exception. When I told her she had won, she was really excited and exclaimed she loved the quilt and was thrilled to have won.

This year's winners were a mix of members and friends of members and a couple who bought their tickets at the fair. Wilma Gatti won the Shelburne Museum membership. Chris Fischer was the winner of the Vt Life package. The baskets were won by Pat Hedman, Kathy Hudson, Carol Roberts, Jane Langdell, Rene Bugeja, and Lorraine Bruso.

Once again, thank you to all the members who made the quilt, bought tickets, gathered the prizes and helped deliver them.
 Barbara Carter

Quilt Show 2010 "Homage to Grandmother ~ new quilts from old favorites"

Many, many great volunteers worked hard over 4 days to make our 28th show a success! People were on hand at Shelburne Farms as early as 7 a.m. each day, feeding the multitudes on Thursday and Friday, helping the judges all day Thursday, setting up frames and getting all the quilts hung with their proper cards attached, adjusting the lighting, getting the signs up on Route 7 and on the grounds, ferrying tables and chairs and quilt frames...thank you again to everyone! Congratulations to the ribbon winners (see the pictures on our website). Our guild has so many talented quilters! The show committee wrap-up meeting is on November 30. I will have our report at the **December 7** guild meeting at **St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington**. Time to start thinking about next year's show!!



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Sue Rivers

Photos are from Hope Johnson. It was Hallowe'en & our ladies were all dressed up having fun at the Quilt Show!! Photo above is of Wilma and Valentina Gatti.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Janet Brunet & Joanne Lattrell (programs@cvqgvt.org)

January 4, 2011: Gerald Roy

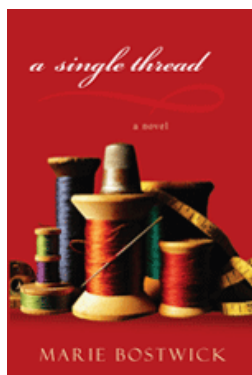
Gerald is well known as an art teacher, painter, designer, quilt maker, antique dealer, quilt collector, historian, and quilt appraiser. He is owner and curator of the Pilgrim/Roy Collection of antique quilts and is a favorite presenter at the Vermont Quilt Festival.

February 1, 2011: Joanne Lattrell's Tips & Tools

Former home economics teacher, Joanne Lattrell, developed sewing techniques to make it easy for her students. Since then this guild member has collected many other tips that she will be sharing with us.

March 1, 2011: Marie Bostwick

Marie Bostwick is a quilter and highly acclaimed author of books about quilters and takes her message to quilt guilds and quilt shows around the country. Once you read her book, *A Single Thread*, you will want to read the others and, like us, won't be able to wait for the March meeting. Put these on your holiday gift list!



"Bostwick makes a seamless transition from historical fiction to the contemporary scene in this buoyant novel about the value of friendship among women. When Evelyn Dixon's marriage ends, she leaves Texas and drives north until New Bern, Conn., captures her heart. There she pursues a dream of opening a quilt shop, and with little money and a lot of determination, she turns a derelict building into a haven for the crafty set. But three women who show up for quilting class end up learning about more than stitching and batting. Chilly, wealthy Abigail Burgess; her angry 19-year-old niece, Liza; and recently laid-off Margot Matthews all have different reasons for being there, but when Evelyn, having just learned she has breast cancer, breaks down, the trio unites to support her. Evelyn's illness and recovery are the catalysts that force the others to re-examine their own lives, while hints of a possible romance for Evelyn add a complementary thread to the friendship, community and illness story lines. Bostwick's polished style and command of plot make this story of bonding and sisterhood a tantalizing book club contender." Publisher's Weekly

April 5-6, 2011: Anne Gallo & Sue Raban

Anne and Sue have shared their tips and techniques across the country and internationally. Having worked with Mary Ellen Hopkins for many years, their focus is precision machine piecing. Workshop registration will begin with the February newsletter.

May 3-4, 2011: Nancy Prince

Nancy Prince, an award winning quilt artist from Orlando, specializes in thread painting. Her anyone-can-do-it approach to thread painting is fun, easy and a new way for quilters to broaden their quilting experience. Workshop registration will begin with the February newsletter.

Elaine Quehl's tips for photographing quilts:

The texture of the quilt shows up better when photographed outdoors. Hang the quilt and position a tripod so that the camera points to the center of the quilt. Set the automatic timer to snap the picture and avoid handshake. For more tips, see <http://www.hollyknott.com>

January Raffle Block

For January, I offer another 3-D block. '*One Seam Flying Geese Block*'. Each white goose unit and dark blue background has only one seam. To make a 'block' you do need to do two, a pair and sew them together. (If you're counting, there are a total of three seams.) Think 'snow' for the white fabric. Crisp white on whites rather than cream. Small gold or silver accents will be good too. Navy or dark blue prints, batiks or solids for a 'cold night sky', make the back ground. You can use one white or two. The backgrounds could be one fabric or two. Please use the same blue on both sides of any goose.

My idea is that the winner could sew four units together in a Flying Dutchman style and set it on point. I think it looks a bit like a snowflake. (Yes, I know they always have six points...) I will bring a few samples in Dec.

For each pair of geese, you need **four** dark blue/navy 3"x3" squares. And **two** 3x5 1/2" white rectangles. Two pairs of flying geese units sewn together equal one 'block' for the purpose of the raffle.

Take one 3x5 1/2 white rectangle and fold it in half, wrong sides together. (It will now be 3"x2 1/2 "). Line it up carefully, finger press. Next, sandwich it between the two blue squares. The right sides should be facing the white folded 'square'. *This is the important part.* Line up the lower edge matching the white edges with both blue edges. The fold will not come to the top of the blue squares, it will be 1/4" short. This is the goal!

You could use a pin here. It will also serve to point to the edge needing to be sewn. Making sure not to twist the direction, sew one edge of the unit with a 1/4" seam.

Take it to the iron, and set the seam, then open the background and press open. Now poke your finger up under the goose point and smooth it open to each side, matching the center crease and the seam.

If anyone is watching, this is where you will hear oohs and aahs. Carefully press it flat, I use a dry iron because I need my fingers close to it. Match lower tips of the goose to the blue corners behind. Do the next unit the same way. Better yet, press them at the same time so you can get the seams in opposing directions.

Position one on top of the other, flying the same direction, right sides together. Nest the seams, pinning through the thick centers. Sew 1/4 " seam, one edge only. Making sure not to crop the point. The bottom goose will be open and flap on the lower tips.

If you get carried away and want to make lots, have them stacked in sandwiches and pin the edge to be sewn pointing toward the inside of the machine, less chance of mistakes and sewing on the fold!

This is all much simpler than it sounds. Cutting accurately, sewing $\frac{1}{4}$ seams, and pressing will insure good results. If you get on **You Tube**, Ricky Tims has a great video from *'The Quilt Show'* where I first saw this. He credits British quilters who showed him the technique.

Here's the link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78Mu0C_QL8Y **6 minutes**

Not only is this a fun technique because it is 3-D, its fast as you can make tons, and chain piece the sandwiches quickly. You could use them in a border or any block that requires flying geese. And make them any size you need. To sew it down, hand or machine topstitch the goose edges. Or fold back or under to create a curve, Cathedral Window style. Very cool.

Confused? Call me- Claire @ 660-8903 or email claire@burlingtontelecom.net
I will have a demo of the steps set up at the Holiday Party. Have Fun!



Alexandra Nickerson's quilt "Amberwaves" featured in exhibition

"America Celebrates! Quilts of Joy and Remembrance"

"America Celebrates!" is an exhibition curated by Judith Trager and features fifty-four art quilts from American fiber artists. It is a joyful, diverse, and sometimes touching look at how we see ourselves as a nation. The exhibition seeks to find how we as ordinary people share the threads and traditions that tie Americans together. Touching on holidays, cultural, and personal celebrations, the exhibition is a bright and colorful look at our cultural mores and our traditions. The exhibition will also feature traditions that Americans brought with them as immigrants-Diwali from India, the Winter Solstice from Northern Europe, and Cinco de Mayo from Mexico. The artists in this exhibition are as diverse as the quilts themselves. They come from every geographical region of the United States and represent many ethnic and cultural groups.

The exhibition will open at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center in Colorado on January 14, 2011. Alexandra Nickerson's quilt "Amberwaves" is one of three quilts featured in their announcement of the exhibit. The November issue of *Machine Quilting Unlimited* has an article about the exhibit, with pictures of 14 of the quilts and one of them is Alexandra's. It is a great honor for Alexandra to be featured with artists who already have international recognition like Judy Dales and Laura Wasilowski! After the exhibition closes in Longmont, it will travel nationally until 2013.

Here is Alexandra's description of her quilt:

Amberwaves celebrates the song "America the Beautiful," the lyrics of which were written by Katharine Lee Bates, my great-aunt by marriage, when she climbed Pikes Peak in 1893 and said of the view that "all the wonder of America seemed displayed there." The foundation-pieced background is constructed of commercial cotton fabrics, silk dupioni, rayon and silk velvet, and home decorator fabrics with thread-painted wheat and grasses and gold ink enhancement.

Alexandra Nickerson



Featured on the left is
Alexandra's quilt
"Amberwaves"
Actual Dimensions are
24" by 24"

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- Sat. Dec. 4:** 20% off batiks on the bolt
(1/2 yd. minimum cut)
Sat. Dec. 11: 20% off green fabric
Sat. Dec. 18: 20% off red fabric
Dec. 28-30: 35% off Christmas fabric

Yankee Pride will close at 3 p.m. on Friday,
Dec. 24, and will be closed on Saturday,
Dec. 25 for Christmas.
We will also be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
Enjoy your holidays!

New at Yankee Pride

- *Batiks by Hoffman
- *Adelaide Collection by In The Beginning
- *Novelty fabrics
- *New notions

December Classes

Hand Quilting Workshop

Stop in for holiday shopping - we have plenty
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available in any denomination
