



Green Mountain Quilters Guild

“MOUNTAIN PIECERS”

Spring 2022 Newsletter



Welcome! to the Spring Meeting of the
Green Mountain Quilters Guild
Saturday, May 14, 2022

Doors open: 9 am; Meeting: 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd, Randolph

President's Message

Happy spring, everyone! I am pleased to announce that we will once again be convening in person on May 14, 2022, at Our Lady of the Angels church just off I-89 in Randolph. We have a full day planned with speakers Lynn Wheatley and Suzy Klinefelter, a mini quilters' yard sale, show and tell, door prizes, and – best of all – meeting and sharing ideas with quilters from around Vermont and New Hampshire. Lunch is often the best part of our day-long meetings. At the meeting, we'll also talk about how we can promote and document barn quilts around the state. If you have a barn quilt, please bring a photo to share with the group.

We have had some changes in leadership at your state quilt guild since our last newsletter. President Sue Schoolcraft resigned in November after leading us through a rocky two years during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board appointed me as your president to finish Sue's term. To take my place as Recording Secretary/Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Wilmot agreed to fill both offices. We would like to extend our wholehearted

thanks to Sue for keeping us all together and we wish her all the best in the future.

While the last two years have been tough on all of us in many ways, I hope you have had time to ply needle and thread to various projects. I started the pandemic promising to shop my stash for everything, but I soon learned I *had* to shop for “necessities.” Thankfully, my local shop – A Quilter's Garden - was there to offer curbside service and, eventually, in person shopping. My output was about the same as most years, but I did find more time to try new techniques, work on bigger quilts, and learn online. At the beginning, my goal was to work on UFOs, which I did, but I still ended up creating more.

The GMQG board recognizes that quilters' needs and interests statewide continue to evolve, and we hope you will feel free to call or email us with ideas, suggestions, and wishes for our guild. Finally, please bring as many items for show and tell as you wish – we'd love to see them. See you soon!

Marianne Kotch, President



Green Mountain Quilters Guild

Spring Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 14, 2022

*Note: Face Masks may be required depending on the status of Covid in mid May.
A supply will be available if needed.*

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| 9:00 am | Doors open for coffee and refreshments; sign up for Show and Tell, enter door prize and raffle block drawings; set up Quilter's Mini Yard Sale and Quilter's Auction |
| 9:30 am | Business meeting, Marianne Kotch presiding <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Announcements◆ Recognition of members who have passed away◆ Introduction of GMQG board members◆ Secretary's report – Sandy Wilmot◆ Treasurer's report and presentation of budget for FY22-23, discussion of dues – Robin Mascitti◆ Barn Quilts |
| 10:00 am | Program: Lynn Wheatley's Quilting Life |
| 11:00 am | Show & Tell – Robin Gurney |
| Noon | Time for lunch, shopping and up-close viewing of show and tell items, and bidding on Quilter's Auction |
| 1:00 pm | Left over business? |
| 1:15 pm | Program: Suzy Klinefelter – Singer Featherweights |
| 2:00 pm | Quilter's Auction drawings, Show and Tell awards, door prize and raffle block drawings |
| 3:00 pm | Good bye and Clean Up |

Remember to Bring:

- ◆ Nametag
- ◆ Refreshments to Share (last names A-M)
- ◆ Your Lunch
- ◆ Show & Tell items
- ◆ Cash for shopping
- ◆ Raffle Blocks

To Do at the Meeting:

- ◆ **Check in** at Membership Table.
- ◆ **Sign in items** for **Show and Tell**
- ◆ Drop off **Raffle Block(s)**
- ◆ Drop off Refreshments
- ◆ **Check out** the Quilters' Auction
- ◆ **Shop** the Mini Yard Sale



Barn Quilts Abound Up North!

Did you know that there are at least 500 barn quilts all over Vermont? Do you have a barn quilt affixed to your house, garage, barn, or other outbuilding? Would you like to have one? Would you be interested in helping to document barn quilts in your area?

You can find more information about making and sharing your barn quilt at a national website, <http://barnquiltinfo.com/>, run by Suzi Parron. Closer to home, however, is a great project going on in Franklin County. Two special guests attended the GMQG's October, 2021, meeting to discuss their work in documenting the barn quilts of northern Vermont. Sharon Perry, an avid quilter, and Fern Mercure, a member of the Sheldon Raiders Homemakers Club, talked about how an original 2009 project grew to include over 400 barn quilts around Franklin County.

There is now a website - <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/> - which shows the locations in Franklin County and the "trail" is steadily growing. Take a self-guided tour this summer! Fern and Sharon were planning to head to Lamoille County the following weekend to document several barn quilts they'd learned about. They also mentioned that a 2018 project by local artists in and around Chelsea resulted in about 90 area barn quilts (<https://www.chelseavt-arts.com/the-barn-quilt-project.html>).

GMQG webmaster Jan Sherman is creating a page on the guild's site (<http://www.greenmountainquiltersguild.wordpress.com>) with links to the various barn quilt projects around the state and Suzi Parron's site. *And here's a challenge for you!* If you have a barn quilt or know of one, please bring a picture to the May GMQG meeting. We'll have a bulletin board set up for you.



Marianne Kotch, President

Registration Early Bird Drawing!

Let's do away with long lines at the registration table – please mail in your registration. Any registrations **received by May 7, 2022** will be entered in an Early Bird Drawing!

To register, please submit the following to: Jan Sherman, 4426 VT Route 100, Waterbury, VT 05676:

1. Check made out to Green Mountain Quilters Guild in the amount of \$15.00
2. The completed registration form (page 11).
3. A stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like your membership card mailed to you.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but you can still register at the door. Please bring your completed registration form and check (or cash) with you.

Thank you.

Jan Sherman, Membership



Wheatly to Offer Tips for Accuracy at Spring Meeting

We are pleased to announce that Lynn Wheatley will be the featured morning speaker at the May 14 GMQG meeting. A popular lecturer/teacher around the state and at the Vermont Quilt Festival over the years, she enjoys sharing her experiences with quilt design, piecing techniques, and utilization of tools for quilt construction.

Through lecture and a trunk show, Lynn will be emphasizing accuracy in piecing as she shares her quilting journey. As a retired Engineer with 30+ years' experience in process and design, Lynn applies the same techniques to quilt making. For projects large and small, Lynn loves working through every step of the process to help students learn new skills and techniques, from beginner to accomplished quilter.

Lynn brings her personal touch of patience, organization, and encouraging style to the classroom. She is a Certified Instructor for Studio 180 Design in traditional piecing, for Laura Heine in collage art quilting, and for Sew Kind of Wonderful in curved piecing. Learn more about Lynn at <https://lynnwheatley.com/>. Lynn will also have patterns, tools and more to sell during the meeting.



*Periwinkle Swirl by Sew On the Go
Featuring Butterfly Blooms by
Kathy Engle
Island Batik Spring/Summer 2021*

Marianne Kotch, President



Featherweights Galore!

Did you learn to sew using a Singer Featherweight machine? Do you own one now or wish you did? If so, you won't want to miss Suzy Klinefelter's afternoon talk and display at the May 14 GMQG meeting.

Suzy has been collecting and servicing Featherweights for a number of years and has made quite a few owners very happy as she oils, resets, and generally overhauls their hardworking machines. Portable, durable and mechanical (no plastic parts!), the Singer Featherweight was first built in 1933 and continued to 1969 as a bestseller. Through the years, some design elements were tweaked and changed, but the machine basically remained the same. Featherweights are a frequent sight at quilt retreats because of their size, light weight, and excellent straight and even stitching.

Suzy will share how she got the "Featherweight bug," what potential buyers need to know, and how to care for your machine and its case. She will bring some of her favorite machines for quilters to look at and answer any questions you may have.

Marianne Kotch, President





The Mini Yard Sale is Back for the Spring Meeting

The May 14th meeting of the Green Mountain Quilters Guild will feature a Quilter's Mini Yard Sale!

Spring cleaning is an annual tradition. If your quilt room is on your list for cleaning and reorganizing, we will set aside tables for up to ten members to sell their surplus fabric, tools, notions, books, and what-have-you. Here is an opportunity for sellers to get rid of unused rulers, "ugly" fabric, books, and even finished items like totes or zipper bags. Here's an opportunity for shoppers to find things that "spark joy" or that they've been looking for.

Each "vendor" will be able to use half of an 8' long table in any way she/he wishes. Mark your prices carefully with stickers or clear signs. Bring a little change. Plan to bring all unsold items home with you at the end of the day. A goodwill offering to the guild would be greatly appreciated, too.

The day's program will include time to browse the tables. Shoppers should plan to bring small bills and/or a checkbook to make life easier for the "vendors."

To reserve your half table, contact Sandy Wilmot, GMQG Corresponding Secretary, at sandy.wilmot@yahoo.com or (802) 488-4031. First come, first served.



The Return of The Quilters Auction!

Over the years, the spring Quilter's Auction has been a popular fundraiser for the guild. You can bring things – not necessarily quilt-related - you think other quilters will enjoy such as bundles of fat quarters, yardage, thread, notions, books, homemade jam, baskets, books, and more. Then you can bid on things you'd like to take home. After a two year hiatus, this year's spring meeting will also include a Quilter's Auction. Here's how it will work:

- ◆ Local guilds and individual members are encouraged to bring items for auction. The more items there are, the greater your chance of "winning" something.
- ◆ We will set the items out and sell tickets for bidding (\$5 for 6 tickets and \$10 for 15)
- ◆ Each item or group of items will have a paper bag taped to the table in front of it. Put one or more tickets into any bag you'd like to win.
- ◆ Winners will be drawn toward the end of the day so that you can take your items home.
- ◆ All proceeds will help GMQG offer more excellent programs in the future.



Scrappy Tulip Applique Block Exchange

In the Spring 2021 newsletter, **Vice-President, Lorrie Churchill** announced a new block exchange...the Scrappy Tulip Applique Block! The original instructions are below:

Cut a 9-inch square of white background fabric. Refer to the applique details below, cut out the various pieces from scrap fabric (note pattern shapes are reversed). Use your favorite hand or machine applique method to make a block. At our next in person meeting we will have a drawing for the blocks. Hope you enjoy! *Lorrie Churchill*

If applique is not your thing, we invite you to use any quilting method to construct your tulip block. Search internet or your quilting magazines for the tulip block of your choice. Bring your blocks to the May 14th meeting for the drawing!



GMQG TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary: FY 2022 through April 1, 2022

| Checking | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Starting Balance | | Total Expenditures | Adjustment | Total Deposits | Ending Balance | |
| 4/30/2021 | \$ 1,714.89 | \$ (731.57) | \$ (154.01) | \$ 260.00 | 4/1/2022 | \$ 1,089.31 |
| Savings | | | | | | |
| Starting Balance | | Total Expenditures | Adjustment | Total Deposits | Ending Balance | |
| 4/30/2021 | \$ 2,008.65 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 0.17 | 4/1/2022 | \$ 2,008.82 |

Transactions

| FY 2022 Through April 1, 2022 | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Revenue: | |
| \$105.00 | Lucille Leister memorial donations |
| \$155.00 | Guild donations |
| \$260.00 | Total Revenue |
| Expenses: | |
| (\$ 76.57) | Fall newsletter (only) |
| (\$250.00) | Fall speakers |
| (\$300.00) | Rental |
| (\$105.00) | Donations: Lucille Leister memorial |
| (\$154.01) | Adjustment—Spring 2021 Newsletter printing/postage |
| (\$885.58) | Total Expenses |
| (\$625.58) | Net Loss |

2023 Proposed FY 2023 Budget May 2022—April 2023

| | Proposed FY 2023 | 2023 notes |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Membership | \$ 450.00 | 30 members @ \$15 ea |
| Guest fees | \$ 50.00 | |
| Spring auction | \$ 100.00 | |
| Other fundraising | \$ 50.00 | |
| Coffee donations | \$ 10.00 | |
| Interest on savings | \$ 1.00 | |
| Special event, bus trip | | |
| Donations | \$ 200.00 | 20 members @ \$10 ea |
| Total income | \$ 861.00 | |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Awards | \$ - | |
| Bank charges | \$ - | |
| Meeting coffee, etc | \$ - | |
| Donations | \$ - | |
| Insurance | \$ - | |
| Newsletter, postage | \$ (150.00) | |
| Speakers, programs | \$ (500.00) | May mtg only |
| Publicity | | |
| Rental | \$ (600.00) | May & Oct mtg |
| Travel | \$ - | |
| VT Secretary of State | \$ - | |
| Website | \$ - | |
| Total expenses | \$ (1,250.00) | |
| Gain/Loss | \$ (389.00) | |

Robin Mascitti, Treasurer



May Meeting Show and Tell

Ah, Spring Time... when all the birds sing and the cars get stuck in the mud. And the Green Mountain Quilters Guild has their meeting and it's Show and Tell Time!

So, bring what you have been working on this winter/spring and share your creations with us. Looking forward to seeing you and hearing the stories of why you made what you did.

So come on down, you could win a ribbon....or just listen to the ooh's and aah's of the other quilters.... See y'all soon!

Robin Gurney, Historian



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Supporting Ukraine

Many of us are searching for ways we can help the Ukrainians still in their war-torn country as well as the millions of refugees. When giving financially, it makes sense to look to those reputable organizations where the majority of funds are used to directly assist those in need, not in program administration. Below are suggestions on support for individual families as well as reputable organizations.

Our colleague, Robin Mascitti, has friends who spend much time in Lithuania and are in touch with friends and colleagues in Ukraine. David Tartter is a lawyer in Montpelier whose wife Austra is from Lithuania. Here are some excerpts from David's correspondence with Ukrainian friends:

"Even the smallest donations will be of use. Many Ukrainians don't have savings and have lived from paycheck to paycheck. Now they rely on donations. Also many (including our friends) fled and took only documents, computers and some stuff for kids. So our friends were showing us warm boots and slippers that they were able to buy. Also, that family shared the money with other families in bad need. So thank you thank you for being so thoughtful and caring."

David is willing to distribute funds to those families he is in touch with. You can send money to him either through Venmo (using his email, dtartter@gmail.com) or by contacting him for other arrangements.

Doctors Without Borders. www.doctorswithoutborders.org

Our teams in Ukraine are delivering urgently needed medical supplies, training health workers on managing mass casualty incidents, running mobile clinics, and organizing medical evacuations of hospitalized patients from the east to the west of the country. We have staff in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Russia, and Belarus.

The Red Cross www.redcross.org and the International Committee of the Red Cross www.icrc.org distribute basic supplies especially needed by those who have fled without winter clothing.

Sandy Wilmot, Recording Secretary



Places to Go!



State of Maine Shop Hop, Shops across Maine invite you to Shop Hop. April 1-April 30, 2022.
[Win Prizes - Official State of Maine Quilt Shop Hop Website \(maineshophop.com\)](http://maineshophop.com)

Fiber Arts for Adults: Three-Part Quilting Series, May 31, June 7 and June 14, 2022.
Billings Farm & Museum, 53 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT
[Fiber Arts for Adults: Three-Part Quilting Series - Billings Farm](#)

36th Annual Quilt Exhibition, June 4 to July 10, 2022. Billings Farm & Museum, 53 Elm Street, Woodstock, VT
[36th Annual Quilt Exhibition - Billings Farm](#)

Quiltfest New England, August 11-13, 2022. MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA.
[QuiltFest New England » Mancuso Show Management](#)

Bennington Quiltfest 2022, September 17-18, 2022. Quiet Valley Quilters Guild.
Grace Christian School, Bennington, VT
[Bennington Quiltfest 2022 | Quilting in New England \(quiltnewengland.com\)](http://quiltnewengland.com)

Vermont Quilt Festival, June 21 to 24, 2023. Champlain Valley Expo, Essex, VT
[Home | vqf.org](http://vqf.org)



Green Mountain Quilters Guild

Fall Meeting Minutes, October 23, 2021

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Randolph, Vermont

President Sue Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 10:10 am, noting that it was the first general meeting in two years. Twenty-two members, three of them new, and two guests were present. Sue mentioned the deaths of long-time members Lucille Leister and Priscilla Hatch and asked for a moment of silence in memory of all members who have passed away.

Officers introduced themselves, and Treasurer Robin Mascitti gave her report, including a budget for 2021-22. Nola Forbes asked whether the cost of mailing to 13 members might be recouped through charging them a small fee. The Board will discuss this at a later date. Soni Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as distributed, Marianne Kotch seconded, and the motion was approved.

Sue then called for volunteers to make up the Nominating Committee. Secretary Marianne Kotch noted that the by-laws require the Vice President to serve on this committee, and Nola Forbes and Soni Johnson volunteered to serve also.

Marianne Kotch introduced the morning's program, "How Did This Happen? A Quilter's Life," with Rosalind "Roz" Daniels, award-winning fiber artist and a long-time GMQG member. Roz showed her first two quilts made in the early 1970s and many quilts made since, including "Bucket Lips," which won an award of exceptional merit and "Best Art Quilt" at VQF this year. Several of her quilts have toured the country and have been shown at distinguished venues such as the International Quilt Museum.

There was a drawing for the fall Dresden Plate raffle blocks, which were won by Sue Schoolcraft. *Because there were only three entries in the spring tulip block raffle, we decided to hold that over until next May to give people an opportunity to make more blocks.*

Robin Gurney then led show and tell which included some the winners of the Virtual Quilt Show held earlier this year for which Robin had made special COVID-19 awards. Show and Tell also included quilts made for last year's summer challenge, the guild logo challenge, and those made during the COVID pandemic.

Lunch offered time to visit the Quilters Mini Yard Sale and to vote on show and tell quilts. After lunch, the business meeting resumed, and Sue asked if everyone was interested in returning to Our Lady of

GMQG Fall Meeting Minutes (continued)

the Angels for the May meeting. The consensus was that it is a nice place that suited our needs. Sue then asked about a gift from the guild to the Kimball Public Library, Randolph, in memory of Lucille Leister. Soni Johnson moved and Robin Mascitti seconded that a basket be passed among members to collect any contributions for this purpose. The motion passed.

Sharon Perry and Fern Mercure of the Franklin County Quilt Guild presented the website (<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>) and efforts to raise awareness of the over 400 barn quilts in Franklin County. Sharon also offered some suggestions for organizing such a project statewide: having one point of contact to collect information for each county and adhering to the general guidelines of including only those barn quilts visible from the road and identifying GPS coordinates from their best viewpoints. She suggested that Suzi Parron (www.barnquiltinfo.com) might be an excellent speaker for GMQG if the guild is interested in spreading this movement statewide. *Sue challenged members to bring a picture of their own barn quilts to the May meeting.*

Robin Gurney then announced the winners of Show and Tell, and her hand-made ribbons (maple leaf blocks) were awarded to:

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| Baby/Lap Quilt | 1 – Jane Buskey, 2 – Jane Buskey, 3 – Tess Greaves |
| Miniatures | 1 – Ginny Moody, 2 – Jane Buskey |
| Wallhanging | 1 & 2 – Tess Greaves, 3 – Jane Buskey |
| Bed Quilt | 1 – Neomi Lauritsen, 2 & 3 – Jane Buskey |
| Garment | 1 & 2 – Sue Schoolcraft |

Our next meeting will be a Saturday in May, 2022, at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Randolph. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Kotch, Recording Secretary



Green Mountain Quilters Guild 2022-2023 Membership Form
Annual Membership is May 1st through April 30th

Please pre-register - all members whose registration is received by May 7, 2022 will be entered in a drawing.

To register, send these 3 items to: Janice Sherman, 4426 VT Route 100, Waterbury, VT 05676

- 1) a check for \$15 payable to **Green Mountain Quilters Guild**
- 2) this completed Membership Form and
- 3) a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope

OR, you may bring your check and completed form to the next meeting.

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY - THANK YOU!

NAME _____ **DATE** _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL?** Yes ___ No ___

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Are you a Long Arm quilter? Yes ___ No ___ **Are you a quilt instructor?** Yes ___ No ___

What do you teach? _____

To be completed by Membership Chair: New ___ Renewal ___ Check # _____ Cash _____



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