

# LOOK OVER THE PROPOSED BUDGET! WE ARE BACK IN THE ALLIANCE CHURCH.

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

**MAY 2015**

We're down to the last 2 meetings for this Guild year so it must be time to plan June's Teacup Auction which is always a fun event and an opportunity to win some great finds!

Let me know if you or your group will volunteer to coordinate this event. I'd like to announce who is coordinating it at the May meeting and tell the membership how the collection of items will be done and when.

Donated items should be in good condition and need not be quilting or sewing related. This has always been a successful fundraiser for us so start looking through your stashes. I know I am already putting a small pile together!

The proposed budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is included in the newsletter. It will be presented at the May meeting with time for discussion included in the agenda. You will see that the board is proposing raising our membership dues to help offset the cost of programs. Feedback has been that our broad range of nationally known speakers is a primary reason for joining our guild and the raise will bring dues more in line to support the great value received by our members. Our speakers have been part of a rich and varied slate.

We are still looking for volunteers to step into the various open committee positions. Connie McDonald will present the remaining open positions at the May meeting. If you'd like more info or want to volunteer, contact Connie McDonald, Claire Graham-Smith, Janet Jaffe, or me. Taking on one of the committees gives you the opportunity to get to know more people and to put your own stamp on a guild activity since you (or your group) can organize things the way you'd like to see it done. Happy Spring. I know it's coming.

Marty DeNevo, CVQG President


**NEWSLETTER EMAIL CHANGE!!**

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

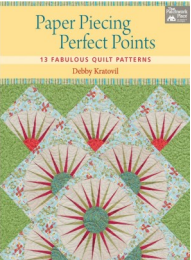
*Deadline for entries is the fifteenth of the month.  
PLEASE BE ON TIME!  
THANK YOU.*

## Tuesday, May 5    Featured Speaker & Wednesday Workshop: Debby Kratovil    <http://www.quilterbydesign.com/>

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.



Debby Kratovil



**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  
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

**A Talk with Carla White about being Membership Chair.*****What all does the membership chair do?***

I collect the members' yearly dues and track who has and has not paid. I help new members with their membership. I send email members about events, changes in guild programs, and bad weather closings. I publish the membership list after the October meeting and an addendum in January. I also bank the money that comes in, print the membership cards and make the name tags.

***Where can we find you at meetings?***

At the Essex church, I am usually at the big desk in the lobby. At the other venue, I try to set up just inside the door.

***Where do we get the membership form?***

It is on the website and I have paper copies at each meeting.

***How can guild members help you?***

You can help by getting your membership paid and submitted as early as possible, preferably at the June or September meeting. I would also love to have someone help at those two meetings, and in October when most members sign up. You can also mail the form to me and pick up your membership card at a meeting.

**MAY....THE FAT QUARTER RAFFLE!!!!**

The 11<sup>th</sup> fat quarter raffle will be held at the May meeting. This is your chance to give away some of those what was I thinking?? fat quarters you have been hoarding. And maybe going home with a basketful of someone else's treasures. Tickets are the same....\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and the proceeds will help pay for shipping, batting and backing material used to send quilts for Quilts of Valor. It's a well worth supporting and fun as well. If we get enough fat quarters, we will have two prizes. Twice as much fun!!

Barbara Harrison

**A Talk with Esther Nui About being the Newsletter Editor*****What DOES the newsletter editor do?***

I gather information about guild and board activities and present it for reading, like a quilt except the blocks are yours.

***Are there special skills you need to do this job?***

You need to have skill at editing which help make all the blocks fit into the appropriate size needed.

***Do you have software to help you?*** I use Microsoft publisher and Word.

***Are there guidelines for us to use? Where are they?***

The guidelines are on the website. Like a strict 1/4" seam, it is needed to make your block the correct size.

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

Getting items in on time is most helpful and observing the guidelines—the 1/4" seam. The address and deadline are on the Left bottom corner of the front page of the newsletter each month.

**Community Quilts**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Community Quilts. We will be delivering 20 twin, lap and children's quilts to various organizations this month and 36 fidget quilts to nursing homes and Alzheimer's patients.

Since August 2014 we have delivered 120 quilts and 96 fidget quilts to organizations and individuals. We still have unfinished tops, kits and plenty of fabric in the shed. Please stop by our table at the May meeting and let us know if you'd like to help us out this summer by taking home a quilt to quilt, a kit to assemble or some fabric to make a quilt for us. We will make sure you have what you need for your summer project.

Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger, Community Quilts

### Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Minutes, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

President Marty DelNevo welcomed members and guests to the April meeting of the guild. The meeting was held at St John Vianney church hall. Teela Dufresne announced applications are being received for quilt camp at the end of April. Members who have not attended in the past were encouraged to attend for all or part of the weekend. The forms are on the website.

Janet Brunet, program co chair introduced the speaker for the evening, Pam Donaur, the Decorating Diva, and thanked her for stepping in as the speaker at the last minute. Pam gave an exciting talk and showed some of her many shortcut tips. She had numerous examples to pass around.

After the break, Adrian Garneau, Treasurer, gave a presentation showing and explaining the financial statement for the guild and talking about the budget for the upcoming year. A question and answer time followed. Adrian was thanked for her hard work and knowledge of the financial affairs of the guild in such a short time. The minutes were adopted as printed on a motion by Andre Emmell, seconded by Ruth Whitaker. Marty announced the board meeting would be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. A show review meeting is being planned and the date will be announced.

The Quilts of Valor raffle prize winner was Joanne Guilmette. Sue McGuire won the raffle blocks. Heather Bowen announced the project for May is a tote bag, with all those contributed being given to a charitable organization. The instructions will be on the website. Two prizes donated by the speaker were won by Joanne Guilmette and Pat Marmilian.

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.*

**PROGRAMS**

We are sorry that Meg Cox could not join us at our April meeting, but we hope to reschedule her for a future date. In the meantime, you may want to subscribe to her excellent newsletter giving updates on what is happening in the quilting world. To sign up, go to her blog page: <http://megcox.com/category/blog/>

We give a special thanks to Pam Damour for stepping in and giving an exciting and inspiring trunk show on finishing techniques and her uses for unfinished quilts. Pam will be returning next May with another exciting lecture and workshop. For more information about Pam, visit her website: <http://www.pamdamour.com/>

**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 a lot 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.

**PROJECT OF THE MONTH is a tote bag for a change.**

Editor's Note: This blocks did not quite fit the dimensions required so my apologies for the print variations and size. When it was possible the print size was increased but for the most part, this was not possible. I hope most of it is legible. Tote comes from TheInspiredWren.com provided by Michele Cummings and Heather Bosen.

**Materials** 

- Three coordinating quilting-weight cottons for the outer Shell, the inner Lining, and the Handles\*
- Medium-weight iron-on stabilizer
- Coordinating thread

\*See Cutting for the amount of materials needed. Keep in mind that you could cut this project across the grain (depending on the print) with satisfactory results and therefore not need as large a cut of fabric. Also note the Shell is folded in half with no bottom seam, so beware a one-way directional print as it will appear upside down on one side of the tote. In this example I made sure the flowers were oriented correctly and decided the remainder of the print was abstract enough not to be distracting upside down. Use your best judgment when choosing and placing the fabric.



## Cutting

The dimensions listed here will create a final Tote Bag 9 ½" wide x 12" tall x 2" deep. You can easily change these dimensions to fit your need; keep in mind that the seam-allowance varies in places.

Shell	13" x 22 ½"	cut 1 fabric; cut 1 interfacing
Lining	13" x 30 ½"	cut 1 fabric; cut 1 interfacing
Handles	4" x 22"	cut 2

## Construction

- 1 Prepare each Handle by folding it in half, wrong sides together and press. Open it up and press each outside edge to the center line. Fold fabric in half again and press. The final width of the Handle will be approximately 1" with the raw edges enclosed in the fold. Edge-stitch down each side. Set aside.
- 2 Apply the interfacing to the Shell and Lining fabrics following the manufacturer's instructions.
- 3 Working with the right side up and matching the raw edges, center the ends of one Handle 4" apart on a short end of the Shell fabric; pin in place. Repeat with the second Handle on the opposite short end of the Shell.



Step 1

Step 3

- 4 With right sides together, align the short ends of the Lining and the Shell sandwiching the Handles in between—note the Lining will not lay flat as it is longer than the Shell. Pin in place.
- 5 Stitch each short end with a ¼" seam allowance, catching the Handles in the seams.



Step 4 &amp; 5

The red dotted lines indicated the location of stitching in Step 5.

- 6 Turn the Tote right side out and press the seam allowance toward the Shell. Press the entire Tote flat so that the Lining fabric is an even 2" at each end. Pin on either side of the Handles to maintain the 2" borders.

- 7 Stitch each Handle onto the Lining fabric (through both layers) with an approximately 1 ¼"-tall X.



Step 6

Step 7

- 8 Sew the side seams of the Tote with a French-seam finish:
  - a. Fold the Tote in half right side out—with the Lining in and the Shell facing out—and stitch down both sides with a shy ¼" (or a 1/8") seam allowance. **QUICK TIP:** Sew with the fabric in the ¼" position but move the needle to the far RIGHT position for these seams. Trim any loose or frayed threads.
  - b. Turn the Tote wrong side out and press the side seams flat. Stitch down both sides with a generous ¼" (or a 3/8") seam allowance encasing the raw edges of the seam. **QUICK TIP:** Sew with the fabric in the ¼" position but move the needle to the far LEFT position for these seams.

\*If you prefer to finish the two side seams with an alternate method, know there is a ¼" seam-allowance on each side.



Needle far right

Needle far left

- 9 Pinch one bottom corner together so that the side seam is centered on the triangle created; fold the seam allowance to one side. Mark up 1" from the corner point and draw a 2"-wide line perpendicular to the seams. Stitch on the line. Do NOT trim; if you prefer you can hand-tack the point of the corner to the side seam, but it is not necessary. Repeat on the second Tote corner.
- 10 For a finished touch, top-stitch on the top lining-bound border at each of the side seams catching the seam allowance beneath. [Optional.]




Step 9



Step 10



You're done! 

This is the perfect project to highlight great fabric combinations. It's time to stop petting those fabrics in your stash and show them off! With no bottom seam and reinforced handles you know this lined bag will hold up well to daily use. Of course it would also make a great gift. Pair it with a [Pocket Tissue Pack Cover](#) and a [Hand Sanitizer Jacket](#) for a lovely, coordinated gift set this Holiday season.

If you sew a 3-Fabric, 10-Step Tote for yourself or as a gift I'd love to see it. Come share your projects on [The Inspired Wren Share page](#). There you can link up images of your work from a blog, Flickr, Pinterest, or Instagram.

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Guild members Ruth Whitaker and Andre Emmell hold finished quilt tops ready to be quilted for donation to Quilts of Valor. Ruth, Linda Lazarowski and Hope Johnson joined Andre in his studio on Sunday, March 29th to cut, piece, chat and eat. As usual, a fun and productive time was had by all.



Our Board and our Committee members at Yankee Pride discussing the budget for the next year. We need YOU or YOUR GROUP to keep us whole and vital for many more years to come. Let us help keep the quilting world ALIVE in the Champlain Valley. (Absent: Barbara Carter)



\* Nets 0 means whatever we bring in for income goes back out as an expense - a non-factor to the bottom line but still a line item

	Proposed Budget		2015 Actual Through 4/20/15		2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
	Jul '15 - Jun 16		Jul '14 - Jun 15	Budget			
<b>Income - General</b>							
Comm. Quilts QOV Raffle (*Nets \$0)	300.00		313.00	300.00	402.00	710.00	508.00
Community Quilts Contributions			295.00				
General Contributions	200.00		155.00	200.00	45.00	130.00	430.25
Interest Income	85.00	A	69.73	200.00	87.72	126.10	261.40
Membership (propose 155 @ \$35)	5,425.00	B, C	4,298.21	4,675.00	4,710.00	5,100.00	4,475.00
Other Income - Guest Fees			40.00		70.00	30.00	40.00
Sales, craft table, etc.			65.00		68.00	55.00	26.00
Teacup Auction	700.00		0.00	700.00	595.00	585.00	750.00
Weekend Retreat (*Nets \$0)	9,000.00		8,195.50	9,000.00	3,899.50	9,093.50	7,699.50
Workshops (*Nets \$0)	2,325.00	D	1,260.00	2,500.00	3,790.00	5,170.00	1,155.00
Bus Trip						1,481.94	-150.00
<b>Income - Raffle Quilt &amp; Show</b>							
Raffle Quilt	5,500.00	E	3,953.00	5,800.00	3,038.00	4,334.00	3,176.19
Quilt Frame Rental	200.00	A	300.00	450.00	200.00	366.43	200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,735.00</b>		<b>18,944.44</b>	<b>23,825.00</b>	<b>16,905.22</b>	<b>27,181.97</b>	<b>18,571.34</b>
<b>Expenses - General</b>							
Community Quilts	1,200.00	F	846.78	1,400.00	344.31	2,059.95	2,502.40
Community Quilts Storage Unit	400.00	G	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Community Quilts QOV (*Nets \$0)	300.00			300.00	323.00	318.50	
Stocking Program (pre-QOV)							600.22
Computer - Virtual Service		A	109.45		29.85		
Discretionary	200.00	A	0.00	400.00		394.18	
Donations - VQF \$150 & NEQM \$35	185.00	H	300.00	335.00	335.00	300.00	350.00
Dues, Memberships - GMQ \$15	15.00	A	0.00	25.00	15.00		25.00
Equipment, Software, Frames		A	0.00	500.00		580.28	890.84
Historian		A	0.00	70.00			42.39
Insurance	400.00		300.00	400.00	300.00	346.00	200.00
Library	200.00		70.89	200.00	203.43	103.15	362.49
Membership Expense	150.00	A	0.00	400.00	72.21	130.79	156.32
Newsletter	300.00	A	236.93	400.00	395.40	450.00	499.43
Office Supplies	150.00		185.98	150.00	412.61	307.19	173.63
Office Supplies, etc. - Website	150.00		149.14				
Programs	5,705.00	D	3,831.19	6,700.00	4,788.30	4,642.88	3,298.34
Programs - December & June	300.00		0.00	300.00			230.53
Rentals - Meeting Spaces (2xSJVC)	1,230.00	I	930.00	1,000.00	430.00	980.00	75.00
Weekend Retreat Exp. (*Nets \$0)	9,000.00		8,072.08	9,000.00	3,566.78	8,958.78	7,950.71
Workshop Expense (*Nets \$0)	2,325.00	D	1,200.00	2,500.00	4,775.30	4,220.95	1,058.08
Transport to Single Storage Unit	300.00	G					
Accounting							10.00
Bus Trip						1,610.00	-150.00
<b>Expenses - Raffle Quilt &amp; Show</b>							
Raffle Quilt Expenses	275.00		87.50	275.00	80.64	68.00	347.67
Quilt Frame Storage Unit	800.00	G	1,140.00	1,140.00	1,092.00	730.00	708.00
Advertising at VQF	150.00	H		200.00			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>23,735.00</b>		<b>18,059.94</b>	<b>26,295.00</b>	<b>17,763.81</b>	<b>26,790.59</b>	<b>19,931.03</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>884.50</b>	<b>-2,470.00</b>	<b>-858.59</b>	<b>391.38</b>	<b>-1,359.69</b>

A Proposed figures reduced to reflect more accurate estimate for 2016

B Member estimate of 155 reflects continuous trend of 16 to 17 less members each of the last few years

C Proposed increase in dues of \$10; Dues at \$35 per member would cover most of 2016 Programs Budget, the largest benefit to being a member

D Programs/Workshops budget estimate for 2016

E Optimistic estimate of Raffle Quilt Fundraiser due to extending drawing through December; greater opportunity to show it & raise funds!

F Reduced Community Quilts budget by \$200 since we mostly buy batting at this point and we're well under budget for 2015

G We plan to consolidate to one storage unit in Essex; Estimate \$100/mo and \$300 for transporting materials & frames; 1/3 to Comm. Qu., 2/3 to Qu. Show

H NEQM donation at \$35; Propose reducing VQF donation by half--we volunteer lots of hours!--and Advertising at VQF for 2016 show by \$50

I Estimate 2 meetings at St John Vianney & 8 meetings at Essex Alliance; looking for more affordable alternative to SJV



## UPCOMING CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2014-2015

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

May 5: [Debby Kratovil](#)

June 2: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction

Oct 6 : [Jacquie Gering](#)

Nov 3: [Jo Diggs](#)

**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.**