

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild



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Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone for all of their kind words about my work on the newsletter. I have really enjoyed designing the new layout and I hope to be able to work on the newsletter again in the future. I would like to especially thank Beth Jennings for all of her support and time she has helped with mailing out the newsletter out each month.

Thanks! Becky Wetzell

A Note From The President

Thank you all for a wonderful year. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Guild President this past year. I have had a lot of fun, have been able to get to know more members and have enjoyed working with all of you. Thank you.

For some final business for this year... Please remember to bring a serving utensil with your pot luck dish. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided. The following positions are in need of a volunteer... Historian and Stocking Raffle Coordinator. Don't forget to bring your donation for the Tea Cup Auction, \$\$ and address labels for the tickets. Remember... if the Auctioneer can not read your name then she will need to pick another ticket.

The Vermont Historical Society has sent a letter to CVGQ asking if we would be interested in making a donation to help in the effort to replace the roller system and re-roll the quilts and textiles that they have in their collection. VHS states in their letter that the rollers these fragile textiles are stored on are sagging, straining the delicate fabrics. VHS quilts and rolled textiles collections contain over 225 quilts and bed coverings that document over 200 years of Vermont-made or Vermont-owned handiwork. This item will be on the June agenda for discussion.

The Slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 Guild Year are as follows:

President	Joanne Guillmette
Vice Pres/Pres. Elect	Rita Bortz
Treasurer	Thea Platt
Secretary	Barbara Carter
Programs	Janet Brunet
	Clair Graham-Smith

Election of Officers will be held at the June meeting after clean up of the Pot Luck Dinner and "Shopping" at the Tea Cup Auction. Everyone, please help clean up after dinner.

Wendy Thompson

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Slate of Officer's Bios

President - Joanne Guillemette

I was born and grew up a true Vermonter. Have come from a long line of family sewers. I have been in the guild I am guessing for about 8-10 years. My husband and I own and operate a large dairy farm in Shelburne, and I own a sewing and alterations business out of my studio in Shelburne called Sew Biz.

I am passionate about quilting, and love contemporary and art quilts, but also love the very traditional quilts. I love to take quilting classes and to teach them as well. I can't wait to be guild president and hope we have a great year. I challenge you all, be a do'er and help this guild grow to its greatest potential.

Vice President - Rita Bortz

I've been married for 47 years to my best friend, have four adult children and eight grandchildren. I've been quilting for over 30 years – have made many, many quilts to give away – wedding, baby, high school graduation and lots of charity quilts. I have belonged to this guild for 10 years, and to another guild in Utica, New York for at least 10 years while I lived there. I'm retired and I do a lot of volunteer work and a lot of quilting.

Treasurer - Thea Platt

I've been a member of CVQG for at least 5 to 10 years. How's that for specifics!! My good friend, Jean Spring, brought the wonders of quilting to my attention and I haven't looked back, unless it's to get a better look at a piece of fabric I just passed. My husband and I moved to Vermont in 1972 to E. Brookfield of Floating Bridge fame. Had 2 great kids, started a business called Reprographics in 1981. Commuting 2 hours a day was a waste of good quilting time. We moved to Shelburne in 1982 and am now living happily ever after.

Secretary....Barbara Carter

I've been a member of the guild for 13 or so years and have had my "finger in quite a few pies!" I love the meetings, having great conversations with so many people, and learning new tricks. I also love all the charity work we do. I guess I am a traditional quilter, but my biggest problems are getting things finished, and not buying more fabric!

Returning co-program chair - Claire Graham-Smith

When I joined the guild the fall of '03 in my first year of quilting, I knew I'd found a comfortable place to belong. I feel so fortunate to belong to a wonderful guild with such terrific diverse talented and passionate quilters.

My background has been a creatively 'checkered' one of many disciplines that seem to have naturally brought me to quilting. I graduated from the Ontario School of Art and Design, and L'Institute de Hotelerie - a cooking school in

Slate of Officer's Bios - Continued

Montreal. After graduating, I focused my energy on gardening and house renovation as my creative outlet.

I finally returned painting after a few years hiatus. But once I had kids that seemed to conflict with being a serious landscape painter, (which I love). I didn't realize I was looking for something new - a creative energy and stillness of mind.

Then came quilting – but really it was Noah's idea. As many of you know, my 12 year-old son, Noah Patullo, is a guild member. At a young age he pleaded to learn to quilt. I found Maplewood Quilts, where Tammy Breckenridge taught a homeschool class of 2 boys, to make Yellow Brick Road quilts. So yes, Noah started to quilt before me, but only by a month. From then on I was hooked. As a relative new comer to quilting I'm still dabbling in lots of styles and techniques. I love it all.

I am an avid listener to podcasts and viewer of everything on the Internet, quilt related. Any chance I get, I visit shows, shops, read quilt magazines and books. There isn't much that doesn't fascinate me. I feel I have a sense of the pulse on the quilt world at large. I have enjoyed being a co-chair of programs with Janet Brunet this year and hope to be able to bring more wonderful programs to our guild to inspire, unite and enlighten us all.

Co-Program Chair - Janet Brunet

Like most quilters I began sewing and crafting at an early age – at my grandmother's treadle machine. I didn't start quilting, though, until the early 90's while living in Santiago, Chile. A fellow member of the American Association of Women was giving a lecture on the history of quilting and I thought, "How boring! How can anyone talk an hour and a half on quilting?" That lecture turned out to be fantastic – the most interesting of all. I took her class, joined her burgeoning quilting group and haven't heard a lecture on quilting that I dislike! When my husband's job took us to the NYC area, we settled in New Jersey where I became active in the local guild and spent 3 years as programs co-chair. In the summer of 2006, my son graduated from high school, my husband retired, we sold our house and moved to Colchester and we drove my son out to Indiana University. I had lived in Vermont after college and my heart never left. I was able to convince my husband that Vermont really is a great place to retire and I was right! Besides quilting I can be found kayaking, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, working with computers and doing handywoman projects on the house. I have been CVQG Programs co-chair since February 2008 and I feel fortunate that I am able to join the CVQG Programs team as it is such a rewarding and exciting position – a great way to meet people. Your ideas are very important to me as I plan for future programs so please don't hesitate to contact me at programs@cvqgv.org.

Programs At A Glance

September

Hope Johnson - Lecture -
The Lady of the Lake: A
Vermont Quilt Pattern Mys-
tery

October

Jane Davila
(lecture and workshop)

November

Annie Smith
(lecture and workshop)

January

Robert Shaw
(lecture)

March

Member mini-workshops

April

Sue Nickels
(lecture and 2 workshops)

May

Cathy Miller
The Singing Quilter
(performance)

Stocking Raffle

Thank you so much to all the people who brought in fat quarters for the raffle basket in May. They were wonderful...and there were so many that it seemed they multiplied when I wasn't looking....sort of like rabbits!! Thanks too to all those who bought tickets...last month and all the other months too. Thanks to all of you, we surpassed our budget goal and will be able to help fill all those stockings!

Barbara Carter

Programs

We have received a number of comments on the quality of the speakers this year and would like to share the commendations with Angela Miller and Nicole Laurencelle, the past programs co-chairs who contracted many of this year's speakers. We hope you will enjoy next year's lineup as well; we are working hard to provide the guild with a variety of nationally known speakers and have started to contract speakers for 2010-2011. We are including a list of speakers for next year that may be helpful when planning your workshops for the year and will give you more information in the September newsletter. It's very difficult trying to figure out which particular workshops will be of most interest to guild members, so we encourage you to check out the teachers' websites and let us know which workshops you would like us to choose. Since the Bethany Reynolds' evening workshop was such a success we will try to offer some more evening workshops.

We hope you will all put the September meeting on your calendar as we will be entertained by guild member, Hope Johnson, who will give a presentation "The Lady of the Lake: A Vermont Quilt Pattern Mystery."

Claire Graham-Smith & Janet Brunet (programs@cvqgvt.org)

May Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2009: President Wendy Thompson brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Wendy went over some housekeeping items before our speaker, Bethany Reynolds, was introduced.

Bethany gave a very interesting talk and showed us many of the quilts that she has made using her "Stack N Whack" method. After her talk, we took a 10 minute break. Wendy called the meeting back to order at 8:20 p.m.

Teela Dufresne made a motion to accept the April minutes; seconded by Ruth Whitaker. Accepted. Karen Abrahamovich reminded everyone to let her know all of the UFOs that they have finished. She will be awarding a prize in June.

School Project – Caroline Edmunds, Martha DiMaggio and Betsy Knox showed us four quilts that they had put together for one of the schools. The theme of the quilts was "Heroes." The children had done the squares and these three ladies put the quilts together. They will be displayed in different places, the school and Ronald McDonald House.

Wendy had a rotary cutter that someone had left at Camp Abnaki. If it is yours, please give her a call. We were reminded that June is our Teacup Auction – be thinking of things to bring and what food you will bring.

Nametag Raffle – Janet Brunet won.

Community Quilt Raffle – Carla White won

Stocking Raffle – a huge basket of fat quarters was won by Karen Martin.

Raffle Blocks – Joanne Guillemette won.

Ruth Whitaker reminded us about the bus trip to Keepsake Quilting and the Wolfeboro, NH Show on August 1. There are still some seats. Call her. She also reminded people to put sleeves on their Silent Auction quilts. Linda Lazarowski told people that the Guild will not be taking quilt pictures this year; you will be responsible to have your own picture taken of your quilt.

Ruth Whitaker moved that we close the business meeting, seconded by Brooke Conger. Meeting adjourned to Show N Tell.

Respectfully submitted, Rita Bortz (filling in for Shirley Fuller)

A Pivotal Quilting Experience

I was determined to have a 'Quilting Adventure' to celebrate turning 50 this year. And I got it! I chose to attend a Ricky Tim's Super Seminar. Our family drove to Pennsylvania and spent a few days visiting Philadelphia and Lancaster county on the way. I had to find a good fit for 2 young homeschool boys and Dad to keep busy during the seminar. Fredrick, Maryland, very near the Gettysburg Historical site turned out to be the perfect spot for their historical explorations.

Ricky, for those who might not know, is an internationally known quilter/ musician who has fashioned a unique quilt teaching experience- without participants doing any sewing at all! Through the use of Power Point presentations on overhead screens and live closeup cameras demos, many people can be reached at once. I just sat, in a very comfortable church pew, watched, and was captivated. This well paced seminar with 2 more international teachers, Alex Anderson and Libby Lehman, was anything but boring. All three are so experience and professional, as was the seminar staff and the Red Cross as the hosts. Each of the 435 participants received a syllabus- a written version of the entire 2 ½ day program. The main part each day was very thorough quilting lessons on many aspects. I especially like the design session. Individual creativity was highly encouraged, inspirational ideas and loads of personal stories and photos. Each teacher took turns with their specialties and the quilt gallery had many examples of their work, to peruse during frequent breaks. This seminar spoke to all types of quilters. While most people I think were not beginners, they made everyone feel welcome and included. Audience questions all got answered and free fabric, CDs and DVD were given out at random. I won the Rocky's terrific 'Kool Kaleidoscope' DVD, just because I share Alex's birthday! How fun is that?! A high point for all, was Ricky's concert on Friday night. My family joined me and Noah got a kick out of meeting Ricky.

By Saturday evening I was exhilarated and exhausted in the best way. I'd highly recommend this experience to anyone. Super Seminar happens about 3 times a year in different places around the country. Rarely do they come to the Northeast. The closest venues scheduled are in Cleveland OH, April 2010, possibly Yarmouth MA Sept 2010 and Rochester NY May 2011. They create Seminars when there is sufficient interest and the right venue- it has to be comfortable- but it takes about 4 years to plan. You never know... Here's the link: <http://www.rickytims.com/seminars.html>

I'd love to talk to anyone about it - just ask. I also never realized what a thrill it was to have a photo taken with a favorite celebrity, Ricky Tims. Claire Graham-Smith



Claire & Alex Anderson



Claire & Libby Lehman



Claire & Ricky Tims



Noah with Rhapsody quilt by Ricky Tims. He visited the seminar for the evening concert."

Community Quilts

Thank you everyone for a great year! We are still busy distributing quilts but will have a total soon! At any time over the summer, if you need more kits to keep busy, please contact me – just leave a message if I am not there or use email.

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Craft Table for Quilt Show

Now is the time to begin making things for the Craft Table at the Quilt Show. We had the best year yet last year so keep up the good work. New people are always welcome. The form and instructions are printed below but they are also available on the website at any time under the Quilt Show items.

Shirley Fuller

Art Exhibit

Champlain's Lake Rediscovered: Vermont Artist's Celebrate the Lake A spring art exhibit of landscape paintings at Shelburne Farm's Coach Barn. Now thru- May 25th open daily 11 am -5 pm. Free to Shelburne Farm members or included in daily entrance. You might find inspiration for the fall guild quilt show...
Claire Graham-Smith

Lady of the Lake Quilt Raffle

Have you seen the gorgeous quilt that Hope Johnson has made for the show raffle quilt? I think it will be shown at the June meeting....it is not to be missed. Wilma Gatti's quilting is exquisite!! There is a new picture of it on the website. We ask each member to sell or buy three books of tickets. These will be available for pickup at the September and October guild meetings. IF you pick yours up while you sell at the fair, please sign the sheet that will be there. That way I won't annoy you by sending more out to you after the October meeting! Thanks.

Barbara Carter



Bus Trip

Saturday, August 1st to Keepsake Quilting and Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show in Wolfeboro, NH. There are still spaces on the bus. To reserve your spot send a check for \$44.00, made out to CVQG, to Ruth Whitaker. The price includes the admission to the show. The following is the itinerary for the day.

- ♦7:00 a.m. - DEPART from Knight Lane in Williston
- ♦8:30 a.m. - pick up at Exit 7 Park & Ride
- ♦10:00 a.m. - arrive at Keepsake
- ♦12:45 p.m. - depart Keepsake for Quilt Show
- ♦4:00 p.m. - depart Quilt Show with reverse order of stops - arrive in Williston at 7:00 p.m.



Quilting Pioneer to Visit Vermont

World-renowned quilter, author, teacher, fabric designer and former quilt store owner, Mary Ellen Hopkins will provide a fun-filled evening lecture and all-day lecture entitled "In the Land of Mules There Are No Rules." Both lectures will be held at the Hyde Park VFW on Route 15 with the evening lecture on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 pm, and the all-day lecture on Thursday, June 4th, at 9:00 am. Lunch will be available at the VFW for an additional cost. The Common Threads Quilt Guild of Lamoille County, Vermont, is sponsoring this event.

So don't be a stubborn quilter! Expand your options and increase your productivity with Mary Ellen's light-hearted approach and flexible rules as she quilts up a storm. As a result, you, too, will create great looking quilts with a minimum amount of work. Mary Ellen travels with a large trunk show, and she covers a vast number of techniques. The content of the show is always fresh because new quilts are frequently added. She has many, many ideas and many, many quilts to show! Mary Ellen will also be available for a book signing at some time during the day. You may bring your own copies or purchase books from her.

Mary Ellen began sewing when she was eight years old, remembers loving it, and has continued ever since. She considers herself a traditionalist who, along the way, has discovered some amazing shortcuts that put the creation of intricate, traditional blocks within easy reach of quilters caught up in today's busy world. Her book, *It's Okay If You Sit on My Quilt*, and her "bend the rules" approach have helped revolutionize the world of patchwork and quilting.

Before settling into the lecture circuit, traveling around the world to present her innovative methods and concepts, Mary Ellen has participated in all facets of the quilting world from business owner to fabric designer. In 1977, she opened Crazy Ladies and Friends Quilt Shop in Santa Monica, California. "The customers came in more for the fabric than for the sewing," remembers Mary Ellen. "Classes were more lectures than hands-on. Students did the work at home. From that point on, I began receiving invitations to do lectures. Getting up on a stage and talking without interruption was great."

But running a shop and traveling eventually became too much, and after nearly 20 years she sold the shop and devoted all her time to lecturing and teaching. Mary Ellen has taught classes and given lectures all over the U.S. and the world in Europe, Canada, Australia (22 times), Japan, South Korea, and the Middle East. "I have a dream job," beams Mary Ellen, "They all want to show off and take me to their best places."

Mary Ellen later started her own publishing company and has written 11 quilting books to date. Her first book was the very popular *It's Okay If You Sit on My Quilt*. "My books provide ideas rather than projects," warns Mary Ellen. Her other books include *Baker's Dozen Doubled* and multiple books in the "Connector" series.

Once you get the picture of how Mary Ellen organizes and thinks, you won't be able to control your production. One idea flows to another and the quilts keep popping out. Get to know Mary Ellen and her contagious personality as she entertains you for an evening. After a day at Mary Ellen's verbal workshop and trunk show you will run, not walk, to your fabric stash and sewing machine.

This is a quilting event not to be missed, but be sure to get your tickets now as seating is limited. Tickets for the all-day lecture (includes free admission to the evening lecture) cost \$20 each, while the evening-only lecture tickets are \$10 each. Send check, payable to CTQG, and SASE to Kathy Krypel, PO Box 91, Lake Elmore, VT 05657. For more information, call Pat at 802-644-5404 or email basketsbypat@pshift.com, or call Kathy at 802-888-2993 or email fkkrp@peoplepc.com.

The Common Threads Quilt Guild has 74 members who share a love of quilting and service to the community. The guild meets on the 1st Thursday of the month all year round. Meetings are held at the Sterling View Community Center off Route 15 in Hyde Park. The business meetings are usually followed by a quilt-related demonstration or workshop where members learn new quilting or crafting techniques. New members are always welcome to attend, whatever the skill level.

Portions of this article were taken from *The Quilting Quarterly*, Winter 2005.

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009-10**

	Proposed Budget 2009-10	Actual 5/12/2009	Budget 2008-9
Income			
CVQG Show	\$ 15,655.00	\$ 15,600.71	\$ 13,950.00
Membership	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,360.00	\$ 6,000.00
Contributions	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 300.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 300.00
Workshops	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,630.00	\$ 2,900.00
Quilt Frame Rental	\$ 450.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 450.00
Raffles - stockings/charity	\$ 500.00	\$ 629.00	\$ 500.00
Teacup Auction	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Bus trip	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,526.00	\$ 2,500.00
Weekends spring/fall	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,579.50	\$ 9,000.00
Interest	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.39	\$ 200.00
Total income	\$ 38,255.00	\$ 35,355.60	\$ 36,750.00
Expenses			
CVQG Show	\$ 10,745.00	\$ 9,563.86	\$ 10,879.00
Newsletter	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 902.66	\$ 2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 574.62	\$ 400.00
Executive board discretionary	\$ 500.00	\$ 299.97	\$ 500.00
President's discretionary	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Program	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 5,344.00	\$ 6,000.00
Christmas program (RENT)	\$ 300.00	\$ 142.33	\$ 250.00
Workshops	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,992.95	\$ 3,200.00
Membership	\$ 500.00	\$ 411.17	\$ 500.00
Library	\$ 500.00	\$ 238.43	\$ 500.00
Charity Quilts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,946.07	\$ 2,000.00
Fees/Dues	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Donation - VQF	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Stockings program	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 753.06	\$ 1,200.00
Rent - church	\$ 900.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Insurance	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
Bus trip	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,651.84	\$ 2,500.00
Weekend retreat fall/spring	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,467.64	\$ 9,000.00
Equipment, software, q frames,etc	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,100.00
Vice President discretionary	\$ 200.00		
Historian	\$ 500.00		
Storage Locker	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,800.00
Total expenses	\$ 44,510.00	\$ 34,899.60	\$ 43,494.00
Net income (loss) for year	\$ (6,255.00)	\$ 456.00	\$ (6,744.00)

at May 12, 2009 cash on hand

Checking account

\$ 4,930.11

Money Market

\$ 25,454.66

Total

\$ 30,384.77

Respectively submitted

Catherine R. Hull, Treasurer

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Sat. June 28: 20% off one book/pattern

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Sat. June 20: 20% off green fabric
Sun. June 21: 20% off blue fabric

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Vermont Quilt Festival – check the shop or
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*Stone Garden from Andover
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