



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

April 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time we meet on April 6, the Easter Bunny will have already emerged, and there will be new fluffy yellow chicks emerged from their eggshells. Some of us will be able to emerge from behind our masks with immunity and impunity, with each other. Emergence is on my mind, not just because it is April, but because it is the theme of our challenge quilt this year. See more about this elsewhere in the newsletter.

And Jane Dunnewold will emerge as our speaker in April. She is a big name in the quilting and surface design world, and her 2 hour presentation on "Elegant Choices" should not be missed. So emerge onto Zoom. Shed your mask, your cocoon, your heavy sweater, and show us your shining faces in the lingering daylight.

~ Anne Standish



APRIL 6—2 HOUR PROGRAM—SIGN IN AT 6:15, LECTURE BEGINS AT 6:30

Jane Dunnewold will present her lecture The Elegant Choice. As Jane describes the talk, "Each of us has available myriad choices of materials and techniques. How to navigate the waters of choice and decision? This entertaining lecture on the elements of contrast and relationship sorts out the variables and provides strategies for making wise choices based on these seven elements: color, value, shape, size, texture, stylization and thematic interaction. Luscious visuals drive the lessons home!"

This will be a 2 hour event; with a one hour recorded lecture and a second hour for questions and discussion with Jane. This is sure to be a presentation you will not want to miss! Sign in to Zoom at 6:15 and the lecture will begin at 6:30. Non-members may sign up and pay on our website, www.cvqgvt.org by Monday, April 5. Due to the longer lecture time, we will not hold a business meeting and may not have show and tell. www.janedunnewold.com/



CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD OF VERMONT

February 2, 2021 - 6:30 PM Via Zoom - Half hour of socializing

Quest and Connect

-Claire asked if anyone had good sources for information on sewing garments for young people by young people. The Sewing Room, a FaceBook page was mentioned.

-we had about 60 people at the meeting!

Sue McGuire introduced our speaker, Gyleen X. Fitzgerald from Maryland. She is a writer of quilt books, children's books and poems, and designer of quilt tools. Her background is design engineering.

Her talk was about her Polygon tool. Three tools make 12 shapes. She has many classes and talks available on her FaceBook pages and website.

8:18 PM Business Meeting

Programs: Sue McGuire, Lois Nial

-April: Jane Dunnewold: this will be a two-hour presentation so there will not be a business meeting or show and tell

-May: Allison Wilbur: Color and Quilting. She will do a workshop on Fabulous Fabric Selection. After some discussion it was decided that the workshop would be on Saturday following our meeting.

Community Quilts: Noël Patoine

-next monthly sew-in is on Monday, March 22nd

-the sew-in for April 26th will be a Pillowcase Challenge. Marti DelNevo has made up kits for pillowcases and they are available for pick up at Yankee Pride. Of course, feel free to use your stash. Noël will do a demonstration at the sew-in. She recommends to use binding clips when making these; it makes it much easier

-If you want to make some ahead-wonderful-they can be dropped off at Yankee Pride

-if you do drop some off please email Noël at noel.patoine@gmail.com with the number you made and your name

-Barb Newman will take our pillow cases to UVM Medical Center

-Noël got a great deal on a used Viking Machine to have available for our in person sew-ins

-Noël reported that most places we donate quilts to are asking for twin or lap size, some can take baby size, and fidget quilts are welcome in the memory care centers

Other

-WE NEED A VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE FOR 2021-2022. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS POSITION.

-If you are interested or have questions please contact Claire Graham-Smith

Adjourned 8:30 PM

Show and Tell

Respectfully Submitted by

Joann Frymire

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—It's that time of year the board members assess who's staying on and who's moving on for 2021-22 guild year. As you likely know I'll be president next year and yes we're looking for a VP. I'm starting by personal invitations. No bites as of this message, so you haven't missed your opportunity yet. Reach out to me or Anne with any questions.

Truthfully the bulk of the work is well in hand by terrific group of board members staying on.

We're also looking for a community quilt chair or two. Noel Patoine has done a stellar effort. As she leaves we need to fill that position. Again there are support folks willing to do some aspects, but not lead. Noel would be able to field those questions.

I'd like to gently remind you that we gave you a bit of a pass last year. Eleven months ago the shell shock of pandemic implications made all but one of the board members feel we couldn't ask for a change over. It didn't seem fair. Now this many months later many members have done more than they likely expected and need a break. Burn out is real even in an organization dedicated to passions we love. So join us please. Suggestions welcome. And of course the board meetings will be on Zoom. If I have my way, for ever.

Claire Graham-Smith VP

Editor's note: president and vice president are 3-year commitments; the first year you are vice-president, then president, then one final year as past-president. Unless we have a pandemic, of course...

Challenge Quilt Theme 2021



Emergence: the process of coming into being after being concealed; escape from an egg, cocoon or pupal case; becoming important or prominent; coming out; beginning; appearance. The word "emergence" conjures up so many images, ones that can be translated into fabric and thread. Take from what it feels like to see some light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. Use your talent, tools, and fabric to create a quilt for our challenge in October. We have so much to express and so much to share. The usual rules and size limitation of the challenge quilt apply, (perimeter no larger than 144 inches, due at the October 2021 guild meeting). We might even be able to see these quilts on display, in person.....



A NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Your membership in Champlain Valley Quilt Guild comes with many benefits--monthly speakers, workshops, sew-ins, camaraderie, inspirational show and tell, and more. But thanks to the diligence of the programs committee, we can offer you even more! You'll want to save some time during the weekend of May 22 for an extra-special event, totally free of charge for members! Hmm, May 22 is Sherlock Holmes Day. I bet even he would have to wait for more information before he knew the treat in store for all of us!

~ Catherine Symchych, co-chair

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

APRIL 26—ONE MILLION PILLOWCASE CHALLENGE! Join us at 6:30 on Zoom to sew pillowcases. Kits can be picked up at Yankee Pride and finished pillowcases dropped off. Contact Noël Patoine, noel.patoine@gmail.com for more information.



MAY 4—Allison Wilber will again be our speaker with 'Fabulous Fabric Selection'. She describes her quilting as painting with thread and fabric, combining traditional quilting with contemporary techniques. Her work celebrates the rich feminine tradition of stitching as a means of personal expression. She will also offer a Workshop 'Color in Quilting', the day after the Guild meeting.
www.allisonwilburquilts.com

JUNE 1—TINY TREASURES!

June's presentation will start with a look at miniature quilts, then dive into the Liliputian world of buildings created by our guild member Catherine Symchych. You may have seen some of these during past show and tell sessions, but there are always more! Her goal is to make each miniature look like a place you could walk into and shop, if you were 5 inches tall. She will share some of her completed projects as well as some of the ones she's currently working on.



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