President’s Snippets

January brought weather cancellations of both our guild and board meetings. While I missed the opportunity to meet with quilting friends, the wind and ice have given me plenty of opportunity to quilt. I am an amazing 85% of the way through hand quilting my Japanese inspired bed quilt. My estimated two year project, may be finished after Spring quilt camp. Hooray!

Laura Clements facilitated our first publicity meeting on January 14. Stay tuned! We have a number of ideas to broaden our outreach to would be quilters. There will be tasks, large and small, so please be ready to pitch in and help. Our focus this year is community and ways to share our love of quilting. In the spirit of community, our February program presenters will be members of the Burlington Modern Quilt Guild. May the weather gods be kind to us because I am really looking forward to this meeting.

All guild members are welcome to attend our board meetings. The board meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6-8 pm, in Yankee Pride’s classroom space. In February, the board meeting will continue to work on ideas to expand our community outreach. We would love to have you join us and contribute to the planning.

Pat Hechmer, President

February 7 Program

What is Modern? An Introduction to Modern Quilting by VTMQG

In the past decade, modern quilting has grown from a small, online quilting trend into a world-wide movement. These quilters have taken the traditional techniques of quilting and developed a new aesthetic. Hallmarks of the style include use of bold colors with striking graphic contrast, extensive use of negative space, use of solid fabrics, minimalist design, and improvisational piecing.

In this program by the Vermont Modern Quilt Guild, you’ll learn more about the history of modern quilting, its philosophy, and design ideas that embody the aesthetic differences between modern and other forms of quilting. You can learn more about VTMQG at vtmqg.com, find us on Facebook, and see some of our members’ quilts on Instagram @vtmqg.
Upcoming Events

Feb. 1 - 6: Vermont Quilt Festival registration for contest quilts
April 1-2: Franklin County Quilt Show, St. Albans, Vermont http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/
June 23-25: Vermont Quilt Festival (VQF) http://www.vqf.org/

The Heart of Vermont Quilt Guild Show will be on exhibit from January 17 through March 3 at T. W. Wood Gallery, Museum of American Art, 46 Barre Street in Montpelier. There will be an opening reception and presentation on Friday, February 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. to meet the artists and enjoy live piano music with John Mallery as well as refreshments. More information is available on the CVQG website at http://www.cvqgvt.org/future-shows-and-programs.html

January Meeting Minutes
The January meeting was canceled due to bad weather.
Gale Weld, Secretary

January Board Snippets
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Did You Know?
You can find out about sales and information about these Vermont quilt shops by subscribing to their newsletters with just a click on these links:

Quilting With Color, Williston, VT
Sunny Laurel Sisters, Colchester, VT
Yankee Pride, Essex, VT
Creatvie Fiber Designs, Brandon, VT
Countryide Fabrics, Newport, VT
Norton House, Wilmington, VT

I have listed only the shops listed on our website that have newsletter subscriptions. To find out about other Vermont quilt shops, see our website at http://www.cvqgvt.org/vermont-shops.html. Many of these shops are on Facebook.

Janet Brunet

Meeting Cancellations
If winter weather makes it necessary to cancel a meeting or guild event, check our website www.cvqgvt.org. Cancellations will be posted by 1 pm. Members without access to e-mail will be notified by phone.

Pat Hechmer

Ride Share

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Janet Brunet, newsletter@cvqgvt.org.
We have donated 90 quilts since our year began. And 56 Fidgit Quilts!! Amazing.

Ronald McDonald House quiltmaking and collection: We would like to have 10 more baby/child throws to fulfill their request.

We are planning a CQ workshop coming up late February/early March ...location and time TBA!! Thanks to everyone who participated in the Ronald McDonald House quilt making and collection!!

CQ Reporter: Judy Siccama tailend14@hotmail.com

Ruler Storage

I am trying to get “organized” in 2017. I seem to have a lot of specialized rulers for quiltmaking, and I can’t always find the right one. I had them hanging on nails near my cutting board, but several have to share the same nail and with a dark background behind them I couldn’t easily see which one(s) were where. I used strips of light green painter’s tape on the back of each ruler, highlighting the name, now I have a chance of finding the right ruler! Sue Rivers

Busy Bees

Sew-in Organizers Needed - Very Easy Job

If you would like to attend a sew-in, please consider hosting one. All you need to do is choose a date and place, post the information in the newsletter, and show up! We have several venue options and will be happy to help you reserve. Please contact Janet Brunet newsletter@cvqgvt.org

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Raffle Quilt Manager 2017……….TBD
Spring/Fall Camp Retreat……..Teela Dufresne
Sunshine……………Sue Rivers
Teacup Auction……………….TBD
Webmaster…………Marty DelNevo

February 2017
March 7th 2017: Alison Bolt is a humor columnist for Quilters Newsletter Magazine for the past 2 + years and also writes an occasional humor piece for Keepsake Quilting’s catalogs. Her talk is titled “Confessions of a Type A Quilter”

A light-hearted look at quilters’ obsessions, which we all have in some form or another. Audience members get to rate their own Type A-ness as we examine normal and slightly “over the top” behaviors in areas like pattern selection, class preparation, stash creation and storage, ruler collecting, quilting philosophy, attention to detail, and the all-important spousal management, etc. Of course, I provide lots of anecdotes to support my contentions.

April 4th 2017: Meg Cox – Nationally known thought leader on the topics of quilting and family traditions.

May 2nd 2017: Dominique Ehrmann – “From technique to magic” plus trunk show.

May 3, 2017 Workshop with Dominique Ehrmann: “From the Idea to the Pattern”

This is a theoretical workshop - no finished project.

- How to start a project.
- Finished pattern of your artistic quilt and a list of the technics you could use to realize it.

Workshop Registration Form

Payment is required at time of sign-up. Sign up at the meeting or, after confirming availability.

Name ________________________________    Check #s ________
Email address __________________________    Phone ____________

_____ Wednesday May 3, Dominique Ehrmann - From the Idea to the Pattern
Location: United Church of Colchester, 900 Main Street Colchester, VT Time: 9:00 am – 3:30pm

$45 for members / $50 for non – members, Mail check and form for Dominique’s workshops to
Carol Bloomhardt
1381 Silver St.
Hinesburg, VT 05461

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.
February Raffle Block

(Due February meeting)

*** Be sure to bring along your January blocks to the February meeting and we'll have 2 drawings. So, there's still time to make some January blocks if you haven't yet. The January Random Rail Fence can be found on our website or in the January newsletter.

BLOCK - Snowball

This design is created by pairing light and dark fabrics

SIZE (finished) 5 ½” (6” unfinished)

FABRIC CHOICE - reds;

1. dark background red
2. light background with red design

CUTTING -

1. 1 6” square light background OR 1. 1 6” square dark background
2. 4 2” squares dark background 4. 4 2” squares light background

SEWING - use a ¼” seam allowance and 2 mm (12 stitches to an inch) stitch length

1. 2” blocks - draw a diagonal line through the center on the wrong side of each block
2. Place a 2” square on each corner, sew on the marked line
   (tip - use an open toe foot here to better see the drawn line)
3. Cut the excess off corners leaving a ¼” seam allowance
   ***if you fold the sewn corner back before cutting you can check the accuracy of your seam (if all 3 corners line up you are right on; cut)
4. Press towards the dark background fabric
   ***If the 6” square is dark, press towards the 6” square or if the corners are dark, press towards the corner. This way the pressed seams will butt together.

PROJECT IDEAS -

Sample table runner - 21 blocks 16” x 38” (18” x WOF for backing 3 2 ¼” strips WOF for binding)

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Remember to Bring !!!

Name tag
January & February  raffle blocks
Show & Tell