President’s Snippets

Happy winter solstice, a time to celebrate the turn from increasing darkness to more light filled days. My spirit (and my house plants) always rejoice in this change. So…with light and warmth in mind, here are some thank-you’s and reminders to ring in the new year.

Thank you to all who worked to make our quilt raffle a success. We raised over $4200. A special thank you to Colette Kaiser, who generously donated to and managed this effort. Longtime guild member Pam Farnsworth now owns this beautiful quilt. If memories hold true, this is the first time in a about a decade that the raffle quilt has gone to a guild member.

We need only 15 more members to reach our year’s membership goal. Entice a quilter you know to join us and both your names will go into the June drawings for free guild membership in 2017-18.

Thank you to all who quietly donate their talents, stashes, time, and money to support community quilts. You are unsung heroes to the recipients of your labors of love.

We are forming a publicity committee under the leadership of Laura Clements. Contact Laura or myself to be part of this group. We’re asking for a short term commitment to launch an effort to generate increased awareness of our guild. If you value the guild, signup to help attract new members and to keep our guild flourishing.

Pat Hechmer, President

January 3 Program

Sandra Palmer a certified quilt appraiser from Woodstock Vermont will explain the quilt appraisal process.

We are looking for an antique quilt and a modern quilt that can be used as examples by Sandra during her talk. Note she will not give formal appraisal value of the quilts.

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
Upcoming Events


April 1-2: Franklin County Quilt Show, St. Albans, Vermont [http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/](http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/)


From the News Editor

Your input is requested to help fill the following spots:

- Tips & Techniques
- Spotlight on Members (in the news, special projects...)
- Busy Bees (quilting groups, sew-ins, pop-ups)
- Ride Sharing
- Sunshine
- Upcoming events

Janet Brunet, newsletter@cvqgvt.org

December Meeting Minutes

President Pat Hechmer welcomed members to enjoy the party, partake in sweet and savory dishes as well as relationships. No formal business discussions. November Minutes: Vote deferred to next convened meeting. Madrigal singers entertained members.

Programs: Co-Chairs Carol Bloomhardt and Michelle Cummings gave a programs recap.

Block of the Month: D. Hamill unable to attend though she completed projects for display using this month’s block for examples. Block of month winner: B. Conger.

Quilt Show Raffle: Special thanks to Collette for her management of the raffle quilt. Winner drawn is Pam Farnsworth.

Door prize winners: H. Bosen, J. Lattrell, Collette K., J. Dawson.

Gathering ended at 8:50 p.m.

Gale Weld, Secretary

December Board Snippets

- Adrian provided a financial report to date.
- Continued discussions about banking option.
- Considerations for the monetary donations.
- Membership update and recruitment approaches.
- Discussion about strategy for 2017 Raffle Quilt campaign.
- Change and need for management of Sew-in’s.

Gale Weld, Secretary

Did You Know?

Some interesting facts about quilting - from [Craftsy.com](http://Craftsy.com):

- According to dictionary.com the word "quilt" dates back to around 1250. The term in Middle English was "quile," based on old French word cuilte derived from the Latin word "culcita" for mattress.
- Quilting can date back to 3400 BC. The oldest quilt still around today is The Tristan Quilt dated around 1360-1400.
- The first rotary cutter was invented in 1979 by Olfa for garment making, but soon quilters realized the wonderful advantages to it.
- World’s largest quilt is the AIDS Memorial quilt and weighs approximately 54 tons.

Ride Share

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact Janet Brunet, newsletter@cvqgvt.org
**Spotlight on our Members**

**Book Bag Bazaar a Success**

Our guild members donated 18 hand made book bags that were on display at the Shelburne Pierson Library during the months of October and November, 2016. As a result of the library’s silent auction to sell the bags, according to Carol Casey who works at the library, “the total was $640.00 with seven bags left to sell. Look for them at the next book sale.” A special “Thank You” to Ruth Whitaker for helping to hang the exhibit and to all guild members who contributed bags for raising funds that will be applied to the much needed expansion of the library and, hopefully, more gallery space in the future for our challenge quilts!

Hope Johnson

**Challenge Quilts “All That Jazz”**

Fifteen of our challenge quilts are now exhibited at the Charlotte Senior Center. They will be there till the end of January. From there the quilts will go to the Essex Senior Center where they will be displayed till the end of April.

**When you make the news**, or know of a member who has, please contact newsletter@cvqgvt.org. We have a lot of talent in our guild that we would like to recognize.

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**Busy Bees**

**Sew-in Organizer/Bee Keeper Needed**

Hi All, Last (fiscal) year I organized several Sew-Ins at Yankee Pride and they were a blast! This (fiscal) year, however, I have found my schedule to be a bit tighter and have not had the opportunity to schedule any. I know several people are interested in these continuing, so I’m hoping that my stepping back as Sew-In Organizer and Quilting Bee-Keeper will afford someone else the opportunity to step into the role. They really are easy to set up and lots of fun, so I do hope they continue! (Also, they do not have to be held at Yankee Pride, although I do thank them for hosting us! That locale has worked for me, but if you have another no-cost venue in mind that you’d like to explore that would be great too.)

If you do not want to be “in charge” but do want to schedule pop-ups every now and then, just email the information to newsletter@cvqgvt.org by the 15th of the month (prior to your pop-up) and it will be included in this section of the newsletter.

Thank you and Happy Holidays! Adrian Garneau, Treasurer

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**Community Quilts**

Pillowcase update: Many pillowcases were made for our Barre School request of 100 pillowcases. Pat Hechmer and Kim Portalupi decided half the cases would go to Barre and half donated to Chittenden Co. (Another guild in Barre also made pillowcases) The CQ group has 50 pillowcases to distribute in the coming weeks. Another Note: anyone wishing to quilt the CQ quilts: please let us know. WE have batting and backing for you.

CQEditor: Judy Siccama tailend14@hotmail.com

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**Tips & Tricks**

Use golf tees to store thread & bobbins together. To find this and other ways of organizing thread, click on the photo.

Sewmanyways.blogspot.com
February 7th 2017: 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.

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”

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.

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January Raffle Block

(Due January meeting)

**BLOCK- “5,3,2”**

**SIZE** (finished) 8 ¼” (9” unfinished)

**FABRIC CHOICE**- batiks with one a bright value

**CUTING**-

1. bright fabric- 2” x 9”
2. assorted batik 3” x 9”
3. assorted batik 5’ x 9”

**SEWING**-

Using a ¼” seam allowance and 2mm(12 stitches to an inch) stitch length sew the 3 strips together randomly along the long edge (the bright strip may be placed in the middle or edge, your choice).

Press seams in one direction

**PROJECT IDEAS**-

Alternate blocks ‘rail fence’ style

1. 10 blocks= table runner 17” x 42 ½”
2. 30 blocks= baby quilt 42 ½” x 50”
3. 48 blocks= lap quilt 50” x 68”

Donna Hamill  vthamill@gmail.com  or 899-1995
**Williston Library Quilt Display**

It's time to switch up our quilt display at the Dorothy Alling Library's technology room. If you would like to share your work which will beautify the room as well as help with acoustics, please bring a piece or two to the January meeting. Each piece needs to have a sleeve and a rod that extends at least an inch from the sides of the quilt. I rotate the pieces about every 3 months so I would return it to you at the April meeting. Any questions, feel free to contact Marty at 878-7457 or msundbyvt@comcast.net.

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**Officers & Committees 2016-2017**

**Officers**
- President: Pat Hechmer
- Vice President: Lyn Hoffelt
- Secretary: Gale Weld
- Treasurer: Adrian Garneau
- Programs: Carol Bloomhardt, Michele Cummings
- Past President: Connie McDonald

**Committee Chairs**
- Bus Trips: Jeannette Harrison
- Community Quilts: Jane Henley-Stone, Rita Bortz, Jeannette Harrison, Connie McDonald
- Challenge Quilt: Joanne Guillemette
- Hospitality: Sarah Page
- Info Booth: Claire Graham-Smith
- Librarian: Pam Farnsworth, Leah Pastel
- Membership: Carla White
- Newsletter: Janet Brunet
- Photographer: Linda Lane
- Publicity: Laura Clements
- Quilt Show: Marty DelNevo
- Quilts of Valor: Joanne Guillemette, June Sweeney
- Rack Rentals: Adrian Garneau, Linda Lees
- Raffle Blocks: Donna Hamill
- Raffle Quilt Manager: Teela Dufresne
- Spring/Fall Camp Retreat: TBD
- Sunshine: Sue Rivers
- Teacup Auction: TBD
- Webmaster: Marty DelNevo

**Representatives**
- Green Mountain Guild: Mitzi Oakes, Marty DelNevo
- Quilts of Valor: Andre Emmell

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January 2017
2016-2017 Programs-at-a-Glance

January…… Sandra Palmer
February…… Modern Quilt Guild
March……… Alison Bolt
April……….. Meg Cox
May……….. Dominique Ehrmann
June……….. Teacup Auction & Pot Luck Supper

Remember to Bring !!!

Name tag
January raffle block
Show & Tell
Quilt for Williston Library (page 6)