Meeting Location
Essex Alliance Church, 37 Old Stage Rd, Essex

Meeting Agenda: April 3
6:30 Hospitality
7:00 Welcome, important announcements
7:15 Program
8:30 Business
9:00 Meeting end

Board Meeting: April 10
6:00 pm at Instrumart,
35 Green Mountain Dr South Burlington.

Quilt Show Meeting: Apr. 17
5:57 pm at Yankee Pride

Newsletter Deadline
April 15, Submit to Janet Brunet
newsletter@cvqgvt.org

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April 3 Program: Carla Klop

Carla Klop local Designer and Teacher, “Shortcut Sheets - 7 New Techniques”
Through a PowerPoint presentation and completed quilts learn a new and innovative way to make these 7 common quilt units or blocks using only a 24” quilting ruler
- Half Square Triangles, make 100 at a time
- Quarter Square Triangles, 44 per sheet
- Hourglass, 44 per sheet
- Flying Geese, 40 per sheet
- Triangle in a Square, 24 at the same time
- Hunters Star, no fail, no fuss
- Six Point Star, 10 at once

Karla Klop Workshop April 4th, “Shortcut Techniques”

A full day to learn as many of the techniques as each person wants. Each technique has a practice pattern to help learn the technique. When the technique is mastered students may want to select from over 20 patterns that use Shortcut Sheet techniques. Fabric, patterns and some notions will be available. Enrollment form on page 4.

June Program

We will be having our annual Tea Cup Auction at the June meeting. Have you received a gift that just isn't you!

Do you have too many of the same item! Are you ready for a change!

We are looking for donation of items in good condition. You may start bringing in those at the April and May meetings. Caroline Juneau, programs volunteer will have a drop off station in the greeting area

Carol Bloomhardt & Caroline Juneau, Programs Co-chairs
March Meeting Minutes

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes March 6, 2018
Location: Alliance Church, Essex, Vermont
Meeting called to order by Vice-President L. Lane at 7:02pm.
Minutes of the previous meeting accepted.

C. Bloomhardt introduced tonight’s technique programs. This popular program had six members at stations around the room. Members spent 10-15 minutes at a station learning how to make quilts labels with M. DelNevo, prepare appliquéd with K. Kennedy, straight line a quilt on your home machine with P. Hechmer, use rulers for quilting on your home machine with S. McGuire, use zippers in your projects with A. Moore and make flange bindings with J. Poulin.

Announcements:
Raffle Baskets for Guild’s Quilt Show - J. Jaffe seeking high end items for this project. Ex. Spa visits, hotel nights, restaurants, Flynn tickets, gift cards. Also seeking additional ideas.
C. Juneau has sign-up sheets for Guild Quilt Show volunteers available now.
Quilt Camp is May 3-6. Contact L. Lane ASAP if you want to attend.
Raffle Block of the Month winner Alice Marsh. D. Hamill says next month’s block is 12” finished log cabin block.
Quilt of Valor raffle winner Sue Rivers. J. Guillemette says Guild Quilt show have signature blocks for $1 contribution so attendees may dedicate a block to a loved one. She is also seeking demos for the show days. Contact J. Guillemette.
S. Rivers will sell raffle quilt tickets at the Woman’s Show 3/24 and has $1 off coupons for those interested in going to the show.
P. Hechmer says next sew-in at Trinity Church in Shelburne will be Sat April 14 from 10-2. P. Hechmer is also seeking a volunteer for the nominating committee ASAP.

Meeting was closed at 8:25pm. Show and Tell followed.

Board Meeting
March Board meeting was canceled due to weather.

Barbara Harrison, Secretary

Budget Discussion:
The July 2018 to June 2019 Budget Discussion will be held at the April 10th Board Meeting. Members wishing to participate in this discussion are encouraged to attend.
The proposed budget will be printed in the May newsletter and presented at the May 8th Guild Meeting for discussion. It will be voted on at the June 12th Guild Meeting for final approval.
Committees Members - Please email Adrian your budget requests by April 3rd.

Adrian Garneau, Treasurer, adrian_garneau@yahoo.com
**Community Quilts**

Community Quilts has approximately 15-20 finished quilts ready to be delivered because of the generosity and support of many of our guild members. Thank you! We will be meeting in April to decide where the need is the greatest. We welcome input from guild members.

It's not too early to be thinking about next year and how you might volunteer some of your time and talents. Community Quilts is losing some of it's members after this year and really needs a few more hands. Please stop by our table in the lobby before the next meeting, or during break for more information on what is involved. Any time or ideas you could offer would be appreciated. It's a very rewarding experience!

*Rita Bortz and Tammy Hall, Co-Chairs*

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**Busy Bees**

**Sew in April 14**

Join us Saturday morning on April 14. Meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shelburne from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring your projects, sewing machines, tools, plenty of room and parking! Coffee, tea and snacks. Feel free to bring your lunch if you wish. Contact Pat Hechmer or Sue Rivers and we'll see you then! Hopefully we won't get snowed out…

*Sue Rivers, 863-5042, harleysue98@myfairpoint.net*

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**Quilts of Valor**

**Annual Quilts of Valor Fat Quarter Basket Raffle**

It is that time of year again to start thinking about donating some fat quarters (or 2.5" strips) to the fat quarter basket raffle that is held in May. Please bring your donation of fabrics to the Quilts of Valor table at the April and May meetings, and the raffle will take place at the May meeting. As usual, if we get a large amount of donations we will make several baskets to give away. Thanks again for supporting the Quilts of Valor program.

*Joanne Guillemette*

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**Tips & Techniques**

What do you do when your bobbin thread breaks during free motion quilting? (Besides scream) How do you bury your threads? Do you want to know how to use those cheater (self threading) needles? I love Leah Day’s techniques. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIGaKecQ-kM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIGaKecQ-kM)

Need help mastering free motion? RaNae Merrill shares her techniques for creating muscle memory of designs in the March issue of American Quilter. She shows how to create a simple tracing tool using a piece of clear plastic (from a deli lid or lettuce container) Take a 3x5 piece of plastic and put a sharpie dot in the center. Trace/draw a design on paper. Place the plastic on top of the design and hold with two hands in the same way you would be holding your quilt while free motion quilting. Position the dot on your design and move around your design...This can be seen in her [youtube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AFKD1Y-FSo), where she uses a special template instead of the DIY tool. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AFKD1Y-FSo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AFKD1Y-FSo)

*Janet Brunet*
Programs & Workshops

Workshop Registration Form
April 4, 2017

Carla Klop “Shortcut Techniques”
You can pick out your kit at the lecture on April 3rd or at the workshop on April 4th. Kit Fee is $15.00 paid directly to Carla Klop. Payment is required at time of sign-up. Make workshop checks payable to CVQG. Sign up at the meeting or, after confirming availability.

Name _______________________________  Check # ______________
Email address __________________________ Phone _____________

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

Location: United Church of Colchester, 900 Main Street Colchester, VT 05446 Time: 9:00 am – 3:30pm,

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.

Quilt Show

News from the Quilt Show Committee:
Planning for the October 19-21 quilt show is going well. All major positions have been filled, and details are falling into place. It is very exciting to see all the moving parts of this committee work in harmony.

The Vermont Modern Quilt Guild will be joining us, and their logo will be included in all our promotional materials. They will be managing the craft table this year, and will bring a new and broader audience to the show. Welcome VTMQG!

We are also collaborating with the Rug Hookers’ Guild, as we have done in the past. We are planning on hiring two judges this year, we are bringing back the judges’ pot luck luncheon, and we are in the process of negotiating the hire of a professional lighting company to install lighting to showcase our quilts. Exquisite lighting will greatly enhance the viewing experience.

One last thing, the basket raffle donations and donations to a silent auction will be kept separate. We will offer both. Higher value times will be auctioned, starting with a minimum bid written in. The "themed" raffle basket donations will be placed in larger baskets to be raffled off. Janet Jaffe is at the helm for soliciting these donations. Think creatively. This will be a great money maker for the guild.     Anne Standish, Show Chair

Quilt Show Demonstrators Needed
During the Quilt Show we will be having live demonstrations. They run approx for one hour or less and we will be doing 3-4 each day. I know there is a ton of talent in our guild, please consider taking an hour of your time to sign up and do a live demonstration. We had a lot of fun doing them at the last show. Please contact Joanne Guillemette if interested in signing up.
RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH APRIL 2018
Instructions are in March newsletter or on our website:
http://www.cvqgvt.org/monthly-raffle-block.html

RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH - MAY 2018
BLOCK - 9 Patch of Half Square Triangles (HST)
We will use two different methods to create 9 HST and trim them
down to size (4 ½”). You will have one HST square left over.
SIZE - 12” finished (12 ½” unfinished- each square 4 ½”)
FABRIC CHOICES- one light and one medium “Spring” feeling fabric
CUTTING - 1 10” and 1 5” square each light and medium fabric
SEWING - please use a ¼” sea allowance and 2mm stitch length
1. Make 2 HST squares at a time
   a. Layer the 5” squares right sides together with the light on top
   b. Draw a straight line diagonally through the center with a sharp pencil and a
      ruler. If you have the Seams Easy or other tool you use to mark the sewing lines please
      use it.
   c. Stitch a scant ¼” on each side of the line and cut apart for 2 HST.
   d. Press towards the darker fabric (you can make all 9 this way if you like) OR
2. Make 8 HST squares at a time
   a. Layer the 10” squares right sides together with the light on top.
   b. draw a diagonal line in both directions
   c. Stitch a scant ¼” on each side of the lines.
   d. Cut the squares in both directions horizontally and vertically
   e. Cut the squares diagonally corner to corner
   f. Press seams towards darker fabric
3. Trim all the blocks to 4 ½”
   There are many specialty rulers and if you have a favorite please use it.
   To use a regular square ruler to trim blocks line up the diagonal line
   along the diagonal seam of the block and trim in both directions for
   a perfect 4 ½” block.
4. Assemble the block- lay all HST right side up (!) and oriented in the
   same direction. Sew together as for a nine patch.

Donna Hamill 899-1995 vthamill@gmail.com
**Seeking Treasurer for Next Fiscal Year!**

Do you have experience in bookkeeping or would like to gain said experience? Do you know how to use Quick Books or would like to learn how? Are you free on the first and second Tuesday evening of the month? If you can answer yes to any or all of these questions, then you may be interested in the soon-to-be-vacant Treasurer position in our Guild!

The position starts July 1, 2018, but our current treasurer will be available throughout the summer and fall to assist with the transition, which will include guidance on changing the signatories on the bank accounts, software and process training, and answering questions along the way.

Duties include: cutting checks and making deposits each month; reconciling monthly bank statements; presenting monthly financial reports to the Board; presenting financial reports in the newsletter a few times a year; working with the Board in April to establish a budget for the next fiscal year (next year’s budget will already be established by the current Board); presenting the budget proposed by the Board in the May newsletter and at the May General meeting (not until May 2019); filing annual reports with the VT Secretary of State and the IRS (both simple online processes); filing 1099s in January for a few of our speakers (also a simple process); communicating with the Quilt Show Chair in regards to the show budget so one of you can present that to the Board (even years only, so October 2018s show budget will already be established); and working with the Quilt Show Chair to coordinate cutting checks and making deposits for the quilt show (also even years only, and another point person can be in charge of collecting and distributing cash during the show).

Are you interested, but have questions before you can commit? Are you interested and want to start “interning” in the position now to get a jump start? (Not a requirement!) Email Adrian at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com and she’ll be happy to help!

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### Officers & Committees 2017-2018

#### Officers

- **President**: Lyn Hoffelt
- **Vice President**: Linda Lane
- **Secretary**: Barbara Harrison
- **Treasurer**: Adrian Garneau
- **Programs**: Carol Bloomhardt
- **Past President**: Pat Hechmer

#### Representatives

- **Green Mountain Guild**: Marty DelNevo
- **Quilts of Valor**: Andre Emmell

#### Committee Chairs

- **Community Quilts**: Rita Bortz, Tammy Hall
- **Challenge Quilt 2017**: Jeannette Harrison, Connie McDonald
- **Challenge Quilt 2018**: Sue McGuire
- **Dec. Program**: Janet Jaffee, Claire Graham Smith
- **June Program Coordinator**: TBD
- **Historian**: Joanne Guillemette
- **Info Booth**: Claire Graham-Smith
- **Librarian**: Pam Farnsworth
- **Membership**: Carla White
- **Nominating(3)**: TBD
- **Newsletter**: Janet Brunet
- **Photographer**: Marty DelNevo
- **Publicity**: Laura Clements (2017), TBD (2018)
- **Quilt Show 2018**: Anne Standish
- **Quilts of Valor Raffle**: Joanne Guillemette, TBD
- **Rack Rentals**: Adrian Garneau (key keeper), Linda Lees (TBD)
- **Raffle Blocks**: Donna Hamill
- **Raffle Quilt Constuct. 2018**: MAQ (Mountain Art Quilters)
- **Raffle Quilt Manager 2018**: TBD
- **Spring/Fall Camp Retreat**: Linda Lane, Lyn Hoffelt
- **Sunshine**: Sue Rivers
- **Teacup Auction**: TBD
- **Webmaster**: Marty DelNevo
**Programs-at-a-Glance**

April 2018 – Carla Klop – Shortcut Sheets  
May 2018 – Alison Bolt, Confessions of a Type A Quilter  
June 2018 - Pot Luck, Teacup Raffle

**Remember to Bring !!!**

Items for Teacup Auction  
Quilt Camp registration forms  
Monthly raffle blocks (April)  
Items for fidget quilts  
Items for raffle prizes  
Name tag  
Show & Tell