Meeting Location:
Alliance Church
37 Old Stage Rd,
Essex Junction, VT

6.30 Social Time
7.00 Welcome and important announcements
7.10 Hope Johnson
8.00 Break
8.15 Approval of minutes and other business
8.30 Show and Tell
9.00 Meeting ends

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President’s Address
JANUARY 2016

What a great holiday party we had this year! Many, many thanks to Ruth Whitaker, Barbara Harrison, and Kathy Kenney for all their hard work in making it such a success. And those lovely, young ladies from CVU — wasn’t their singing absolutely beautiful? Due to your most gracious generosity, we were able to send along a donation in the amount of $170.00 for their madrigal choir. I also enjoyed seeing and hearing about all the holiday items you brought in for show-and-tell; some very touching memories were shared. Plus, many congratulations go out to Amy Paquette from Milton, who won our raffle quilt!

I am very excited to announce that Carol Bloomhardt and Michele Cummings have joined us as Program interns for the remainder of the 2015-16 year, and will step into the Program Co-chair positions starting in September. Welcome aboard, ladies! I cannot tell you how big a relief this is for me. However, I am still a little worried about a Vice President for the rest of this year and a President for next year. Also, I was thrilled to receive an email this week with a picture of our latest raffle quilt top that the team has finished constructing. This means we will soon need a raffle quilt manager to organize ticket sales and events at which the quilt can be showcased. Please, please, please consider volunteering for one of these or any board/committee chair position. We cannot possibly continue to offer the programs you have come to love without the help of many people.

There is always a whirlwind of activities occurring at this time of the year, and I am sure you are busy finishing up projects, wrapping gifts, and baking cookies. I am frantically spending time trying to get some Bach under my fingers, so though I love this time of the year, I really look forward to January and our next meeting. Hoping to see you there!

Connie McDonald, President

Tuesday January 5  Craft and Community: A Creative Partnership

Hope Johnson  http://vermontquiltbee.com/

Guild member Hope Johnson shares her quilts, artwork, and the story of the collaborative influence of quilt guilds and the beekeeping community on her creative and oftentimes amusing journey.

Hope’s background is in the visual arts and includes experience in computer graphics, decorative painting, costume design, quilting, and art education. Her award-winning quilts have been shown in local and national venues. She has made commissioned pieces for beekeepers in California, New Jersey, Rhode Island and North Carolina. Hope lives and works in Shelburne with her husband, illustrator Grant Urie.

Joanne Guillemette and Linda Lazarowski will bring their bee-themed products for sale. Hope will provide a bee-themed raffle basket with local honey and other bee related products. We are in for a special treat.
2015-2016 Officers & Committees
President – Connie McDonald
VP – Pat Marmillion
Past President—Marty DelNevo
Secretary – Barbara Carter
Treasurer – Adrian Garneau
Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
Membership: Carla White
Quilt Show Chairman: TBA
Quilt of Valor Rep: Andre Emmell
Librarian – Pam Farnsworth & Leah Pastel
Community Quilts – Gail Babinger & Carol Thurgate
Quilt Retreat – Teula Dufresne
Challenge Quilt—Hope Johnson & Ruth Whitaker
Quilts of Valor Raffle – Joanne Guillemette & Hope Johnson
Photohrapher – Linda Lane
Historian – Joanne Guillemette
Rack Rentals – Adrian Garneau & Linda Lees
Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings and Heather Bosen
Info Booth – Kathy Kenney
Bus Trips–Jeannette Harrison
Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes & Marty DelNevo
Sunshine – Sue Rivers
Newsletter—Esther Nui
Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
Publicity—Heather Bosen
Hospitality—Kathy Kenney

Quilts of Valor Needs You!
We would greatly appreciate donations for the monthly QOV raffle basket. Fat quarters, thread, notions, a hand-made thingy, chocolate, beer … please consider donating to this worthy cause. Jo Guillemette and Hope Johnson will collect your donations at the guild meetings.

Jo Guillemette, Ruth Whitaker and Linda Lazarowski watch as Andre Emmell Demonstrates how to set up a quilt on the long arm frame at a Quilts of Valor Workshop on Oct. 18, 2015. Linda Lane and Hope Johnson also attended.

Treasurer’s Report 12/14/15
Income: $5,180 Membership Dues Collected
2,477 Raffle Quilt Income
  25 General Contributions
  120 Guest Fees
  28 Interest Income
$7,830 Total Income to Date (excluding QOV Raffle, Weekend Retreat & Workshops)

Expenses: -$12,110 *Budgeted Expenses (excluding QOV Raffle Reimb, Weekend Retreat & Workshops)
-$4,280 Projected Loss

Our Expenses to Date are $4,767 (excluding QOV Raffle Reimb., Weekend Retreat & Workshops)

Our only other fundraiser planned for this year is the Teacup Auction, which will not generate enough funds to cover our projected loss. We are trying to reduce costs wherever possible, but would appreciate any fundraising ideas that might draw in funds from outside the membership. Suggestions can be emailed to a board member to discuss at an upcoming board meeting, or you can join us at said meeting!

Account Balances:
Checking Account Balance $7,293; Savings / Money Market Combined Account Balance $4,949;
Certificates of Deposit Combined Account Balance $16,011

Please note: Some Income/Expense items are excluded from the above figures because they are usually Net $0 items, meaning the income is directly offset by the expense and usually has no effect on our bottom line. (i.e. What is collected from the QOV Raffle is then turned over to the program coordinator as a reimbursement.)
Also please note: Funds held in CDs cannot be retrieved until the CDs mature and are therefore not readily accessible.
Adrian Garneau, Treasurer adrian_garneau@yahoo.com, 802-891-6543

Calling all Past Officers and Committee Heads
I need your help. Would you please send me any procedures, lists of duties, or instructions of any kind for the position(s) you held. If you have helped, please send me a list of the duties you performed as well.
I am compiling existing materials to merge into a single document which will serve as a policy and procedures primer. Please send your information to Lyn Hoffelt as Lynhof@gmail.com or P.O.B. 313, Underhill, VT 05489.
Thank you so much for your help. Lyn Hoffelt
Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild Minutes

There are no minutes and Board Snippets for the month of December. Barbara Carter.

And the winner is...Amy Paquette!

Our 2015 raffle quilt “Midnight Square Dance” has gone to its new home! The winning ticket was drawn by Andre Emmell at the conclusion of our December meeting. Adrian Garneau, guild treasurer and ticket seller extraordinaire, is pictured here with the quilt. She sold the winning ticket and delivered the quilt to Amy Paquette of Milton who now has a great Christmas present!

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work—designing, piecing, and finishing this beautiful quilt. Thank you to Anne Harmon for the quilting. And to all the volunteers who sold tickets at the fair and other venues, and to all our guild members who purchased tickets and sold more. And a special thank you to Judy and Tom Thomas of Yankee Pride Quilt Shop for donating all the fabrics for the top and backing.

Ticket sales and donations raised a total of $2,477.00, $1,368.00 of which was from tickets sold at the Champlain Valley Fair.

Now, everyone get ready for the 2016 raffle quilt featuring bright stars on a dark background. The top is already completed!

Susan Rivers
Raffle quilt at the fair coordinator
and general pest pushing raffle tickets

Midnight Square Dance
Champlain Valley Quilt Guild 2015 Raffle Quilt
Designed by Maureen Yates, Crystal Howard and Marty DeNevo
Made by guild members
Fabrics donated by Yankee Pride Quilt Shop
Quilted by Anne Harmon
Winning ticket drawn December 1, 2015

Raffle Quilt Label

Rose Orr is part of a weekly Bee in Colchester that is open for a couple new members. She would also like to start a bi-weekly Bee in Malletts Bay. Contact Adrian Garneau for more info.

Gerry Hardy is part of a Bee in Jericho that is open for more members. They meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month from 1:30 pm to 4 pm at the Deborah Rawson Library, located at 8 River Road.

Karey Young is interested in joining a Bee. Are there any others in the Essex Junction area that would like to start a new Bee?!? Contact Adrian Garneau if interested.

Are you looking for new members to join your bee? Would you like to start or join a bee?
Contact: Adrian Garneau, Beekeeper adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or 802-891-6543
CVQG Programs/Workshops 2015-2016

Cheryl Z. Miller  http://www.cherylzmillera rt.com/

Tuesday  February 2  Lecture

Finding Inspiration: An Artful Journey

Cheryl Miller is a fiber artist who creates fabric collages using hand dyed cottons, batiks, vintage fabrics and paper that are stitched by machine. Her work incorporates an eclectic mix of old and new, traditional and contemporary elements. She finds inspiration for her pieces from medieval tapestries, the work of French Barbizon and Impressionist painters and Andy Warhol, as well as daily walks with her dog, music and happenstance. In her presentation, Cheryl will discuss the art history of collages and explain the techniques she uses.

Cheryl exhibits her work mostly in New England. She has a BA in Art History from Hope College, where she also studied studio art. She was a plein air oil painter for many years and learned traditional quilt making when she moved to New Hampshire in 1996. She still occasionally paints or makes a quilt by hand. She grew up in Columbus, OH and currently lives in Mont Vernon, NH. Cheryl is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the NH Art Association.
Amish Progression

Finished block size 12 x 12 inches
Fabric: 2 mediums, 1 light and 1 sparkle color. Use Black as the Back Ground color. (BG) Please use solids.

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When all your pieces are cut lay them out according to the chart.
Sew the pieces into Vertical columns first and press seams open.
Sew the Vertical columns together being careful to match seams where necessary.
Press the Vertical seams open.
Turn block over and give a final press.
CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2015-2016

For more information about our Programs, see our website www.cvqgvt.org or stop by the Programs table at the meeting. We welcome your suggestions. Janet Brunet & Patricia Hechmer, Program co-chairs, programs@cvqgvt.org.

February 2: Cheryl Z. Miller  http://www.cherylzmillerart.com/
March 5: TBD
April 5: Ann Petersen  http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com/
May 3: Pam Damour  http://www.pamdamour.com/
June 7: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction