President’s Address
MAY 2016

This week as I write we are due to have a stretch of fine, sunny weather: with the temps climbing to 68. My crocuses are blooming and my daffodils are sending out buds. Life is good because soon I’ll be spending more time in my garden and less time wrapped up in a quilt and sipping a cup of tea. But until I can get out there to tackle those weeds, I will be pondering – “What is my favorite quilt block?” That's because our Creating Community initiative for May is to introduce ourselves to another person we don’t know and share with them what our favorite quilt block is. On the drive home from the board meeting where we decided on this, I was having a hard time deciding. There are so many blocks I love! Fortunately we all have a little while before we have to come up with our definitive answer.

At the April meeting, you may recall that the Creating Community initiative was carpooling. We would love to increase attendance at our meetings and we know there are many members who struggle because they do not feel up to driving themselves. If you know someone who would love to get a ride to our meetings or if you yourself are able to offer one, Pat Hechmer would be pleased to organize carpools to make that happen. Please contact her for more info.

Last but not least, a couple notes of thanks. First, kudos to all who have volunteered to fill a board position or to chair/co-chair a committee; our nominating team tells me we are 99% there! And to the guild as a whole, my deep appreciation for making our Fat Quarter Swap/Friendship Raffle Block project such a success! It was so good to see all the finished blocks pouring in at the last meeting. I am sure the recipients of your hard work at Women Helping Battered Women are about to have their socks knocked off.

Connie McDonald, CVQG President

Tuesday May 3 Zentangle on Fabric
Now 10 years old, the Zentangle movement is an international sensation. What started as a means of meditation and relaxation, is now being used as art therapy. Join Pam for a fun evening as she teaches the step by step process of Zentangle. People all over the world are amazed with the ease with which they can create their own works of art. Pam will take you to the next level, showing how to create your own fabrics. If you want to follow along as Pam demonstrates the art of Zentangle, bring pencil, drawing paper, fabric to draw on, Micron pen, permanent fabric pen (rolling ball pen thicker than a Micron pen), a hard surface to serve as a lap desk, and a tortillion, or smudge stick used for shading (http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Tortillon). Don’t want to follow along, bring a notebook for tips on getting started with Zentangle. Pam will have Zentangle kits and supplies for sale.
2015-2016 Officers & Committees
President – Connie McDonald
VP – Pat Hechmer
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 – Teela Dufresne
Challenge Quilt—Hope Johnson & Ruth Whitaker
Quilts of Valor Raffle – Joanne Guillemette & Hope Johnson
Photographer – Linda Lane
Historian – Joanne Guillemette
Rack Rentals – Adrian Garneau & Linda Lees
Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings and Heather Bosen
Info Booth – Kathy Kenney
Bus Trips—Jeanette Harrison
Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes & Marty DelNevo
Sunshine – Sue Rivers
Newsletter—Esther Nui
Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
Publicity—Heather Bosen
Hospitality—Kathy Kenney

Demonstrations at the Quilt Show
There is a tremendous amount of talent in our guild so let’s share our knowledge. Joanne Guillemette will be scheduling demonstrations for the three days of our show being held on October 21, 22, and 23. If you would like to do a brief demonstration please call or email Joanne. So many possibilities from hand quilting to applique to embroidery, any of these are great subjects to demo. Let’s make this a real interactive show. Thanks.

Joanne Guillemette

COMMUNITY QUILTS
We will be having a Fidget quilt workshop on Saturday May 21 from 9 to 4. It will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 400 Swift St. South Burlington. If you are driving down Dorset St. continue straight through the lights at Kennedy Dr. and go under the interstate. Take the right turn onto Swift St. and the church is on the right.

You can come for all or any part of the day. There is no cost for the workshop. We will provide all materials needed. Just bring your machine, thread, extension cord, etc. Everything is on one floor, so there are no stair issues. You can go out for lunch or bring your own. The church does ask that no caffeine be brought into the building.

We hope to see many of you and to get a good start on Fidget quilts for next year. Just let us know if you have any questions.

If anyone would like a quilt kit (fidget or other) or a top to quilt over the summer, please let us know at the May meeting. We will bring the requested kits or tops to the June meeting.

Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger
Community Quilt Co-Chairs

REMEMBER: TEACUP AUCTION IN JUNE 2016
June is fast approaching, and Tuesday the 5th brings our annual Teacup Auction and Potluck! Please plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 400 Swift Street in South Burlington. Hope to see you all there!

Connie McDonald

Are you looking for new members to join your bee? Would you like to start or join a bee?
Contact Adrian Garneau, Beekeeper, at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or 802-891-6543

Sew-In Announcement!
Our next sew-in will be on Saturday, May 28th, from 10 am to 4 pm at Yankee Pride (9 Main Street in Essex Junction). Feel free to come for as long or short a period as you would like.

Bring whatever project(s) you would like to work on, as well as cutting tools and your machine if you need it. Yankee Pride has irons, ironing boards & cutting mats available, so you don’t need to bring those items if you don’t want to. This is not specifically for community quilts, so make sure to bring a project to work on.

This is a free event, as Yankee Pride generously offers their classroom space at no charge when they don’t have classes going on. There is no need to RSVP; just come if you can, when you can.
Contact Adrian Garneau with any questions at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or 802-891-6543.
Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild, Minutes, April 5th, 2016

President Connie McDonald welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She thanked the nominating committee and those who have agreed to accept positions. A quilt manager is needed to continue the work of Colette Kaiser who managed the raffle quilt this year. This position includes the construction of the quilt. A person to take responsibility for the info table is needed as well. Items for the tea cup auction were solicited by Teela Dufresne, and members were reminded that Ruth Whitaker and Barbara Harrison are accepting items for the Flea Market and would welcome help on that day. Carla White reported two new members have joined, and two guests were present.

Program co chair Janet Brunet introduced the speaker, Ann Peterson. Ann Peterson described quilting patterns and included both slides and quilts in her presentation.

Pat Hechmer supports continuing the community initiative and encouraged members to let her know if they wish to car pool. Pat will strive to bring these people together. Michelle Cummings and Donna Hamill announced that the result of the fat quarter swap at the March meeting is 5 bags of 72 squares each. The winners of the bags were Rita Bortz, Sandy Hardy, Wendy Thompson, Paula Fisher and Judy Turner. Each has been asked to gather a group together to construct a quilt from these squares and donate their efforts to Women Helping Battered Women.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as printed on a motion by Teela Dufresne and Donna Johnson. The April Board meeting will be April 12th at Marty DelNevo’s home. The budget will be discussed.

Members were reminded to pick up their Reach for the Stars quilts.

A message from Show chair Marty DelNevo was read. A volunteer chair is still needed. Pat Marmilian, last year’s chair, will be available to mentor and will be here in the fall. Registration forms are available on line.

Joanne Guillemette is organizing demonstrations for the show, and asked members to consider helping.

Pam Farnsworth, chair for the library committee, requested as many book crates as possible be returned at the May meeting for the summer. Joanne Guillemette is organizing demonstrations for the show, and asked members to consider helping.

Joanne Guillemette presented the Quilts of Valor raffle prize to Eileen Saxon. She also informed us that 25 quilts were presented to the Women’s Shelter. The May raffle will be the annual fat quarter raffle and members were asked to bring fat quarters to fill as many baskets as possible. Joanne will continue to organize the Quilts of Valor raffle next year but would like someone to work with her. She reminded members that donations are always welcome. The name tag raffle prize was presented by Kathy Kenny to Claire Graham Smith.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell on a motion of Brooke Conger and Adrian Garneau.

Barbara Carter, Secretary

April Board Snippets

*****The financial report for this year so far and the budget for the next year were both presented and explained by treasurer Adrian Garneau. They will be in the May newsletter and voted on at the June meeting.

*****Barbara Harrison and Adrian Garneau presented the slate of officers for the next year. It too will be voted on at the June meeting.

*****Joanne Guillemette, historian outlined what she is doing to protect our records.

*****Discussion was held about more ways to encourage community among the members.

*****It was agreed we would invite the members of the Modern Quilt Guild to attend fall retreat.

Barbara Carter

Raffle Tickets—Starry, Starry Night!

The signup sheets for the 2016 Champlain Valley Fair raffle ticket sales will be available at our May and June meetings. I know that summer isn’t even here yet, but be thinking about your schedule for the end of August—beginning of September!

Meantime, see the raffle quilt sales ticket table—pick up your 3 books of tickets and check your name off my list! Thanks,

Sue Rivers, 863-5042 harleysue98@myfairpoint.net
UPCOMING PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOP

Wednesday May 4       Workshop with Pam Damour
Great Quilt Finishes

A great quilt is a combination of perfect piecing, choosing the right fabrics, the quality of the quilting, and how it’s finished. In this all day workshop, you will learn how to “Kick it up a Notch” with some great ways to finish your quilts. Learn continuous prairie points, ruched inserts, piped binding, perfect scallop edges, French binding, flat piping, and more! Take your quilts to a whole new level, but also use your new skills in all your sewing projects!

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $50 members, $55 non-members
Note: workshop cost includes $25 kit fee, a great bargain!

Location: United Church of Colchester

Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are paid for regardless of guild membership. This policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops. Sign up for workshops at guild meetings or use online form (cvqgvt.org forms)
Questions? contact workshop coordinator - Damour workshop (Pat Hechmer, phechmer@mac.com, 878-3725).
MAY RAFFLE BLOCK – BRIGHT HOPES

This is an exercise in how to do a partial seam, set in a block and it is fun!

Honestly, the trickiest part of this block is remembering to add the rectangles in the same order. If you were making a whole bunch of them, it'd be easy to start with the first batch going clockwise around the center and at your second sitting add them counter-clockwise. In other words add your blocks always turning in a consistent direction (clockwise).

But that's as hard as it gets.

Cutting-  1  2 ½” light batik square (#1)
          4  2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangles of different bright batiks (#2)

Construction Instructions:
  1. Seam Allowances (SA) ½”
  2. Press all seams away from the center square
  3. Sew with a 2.0 stitch length
  4. Finished block size  6 ½” including SA

***After cutting, it’s helpful to layout your patches as they’ll be sewn. Remember this block is constructed by adding patches in a clockwise fashion.

Step 1: Sew the Partial Seam
Sew the first patch to the center, beginning from roughly the middle of the center patch and locking your starting stitches. If you are machine stitching, you can sew straight off the end of the fabric as you usually do. Finger-press the away from the center block.

Step 2: Add Patches in Sequence
By sewing the partial seam, you now have a complete side to which you can sew the next patch. Sew, finger-press the seam towards the center block and continue to the next patch. Continue sewing patches in this fashion. When sewing the last patch to the center, be sure to fold the partially sewn patch out of the way.

Step 3: Complete the Partial Seam
After sewing the last patch to the center, you can finish stitching the partial seam to complete the block.

**Repeat as many times as you like. Remember each block submitted increases your chance of winning. When I make multiple blocks I bring some address labels, one for each block made. I affix them to the little raffle papers. I hate writing my name over and over 😐

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Guild Library News

Please return all library books and crates of library books at the May meeting. Look for Leah or Pam in the parking lot near the main doors so we can load the crates directly to our cars.

Pam Farnsworth
*Nets $0 means whatever we bring in for income goes back out as an expense - a non-factor to the bottom line but still a line item

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A Contributions & Interest estimates for next year removed due to unpredictability
B Quilts of Valor estimates removed because whatever we bring in goes back out; no need to budget the item
C Proposed figures adjusted to reflect more accurate estimate
D Budget estimate from Co-Chairs
E Budgeting $100 for General Advertising to increase public awareness of Guild (Show has separate budget)
F Item was originally increased for Winter Warmth program; reduced to more feasible budget
G One time expense to consolidate storage units
H May need to meet at SJV three times next year; looking into other options but need to budget for it just in case
I Insurance for Raffle Quilt included in General Budget (Show Insurance on separate budget)
For many years now we have had a fat quarter basket raffle in May, so once again, we are asking for people to bring in fat quarters and/or 2 1/2" strips so we can make a wonderful basket. Some one suggested that adding 2 1/2" strips would be fun as many people are making those fast strip quilts. Thank you for supporting the quilts of valor project. A big thank you goes out to all of you who buy tickets, and to those who help fill the basket with goodies to raffle.

Joanne Guillemette and Hope Johnson
CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 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.

June 7: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction
Oct. 4, 2016: Kathryn Greenwold www.kathryngreenwold.com
Nov.1, 2016: Wendy Butler Berns http://www.wendybutlerberns.com/
April 4, 2017: Meg Cox megcox.com
May 2, 2017: Lisa Calle www.lisahcalle.com