I cannot begin to tell you how much I love this time of the year! It is my favorite – cooler weather; mountains of local produce; and the feel of new beginnings, even as the year begins to wind down. Have you started anything new lately? Maybe a project you hope to give as a holiday gift? Hopefully, you’ve also had the opportunity to finish your “Reach for the Stars” quilt and you will bring it to our October meeting to share and perhaps win. I always love seeing the wonderful ideas our members come up with to meet the Challenge because they are always so innovative and fun.

In addition to the Challenge Quilts and our speaker, Jacquie Gering, we will be introducing our next initiative in the Creating Community theme for this year, so I hope you’ll be able to join us on Tuesday, October 6 for our meeting at the Essex Alliance Church.

Connie McDonald, CVQG President

Jacquie Gering  http://www.jacquiegering.com

Tuesday October 6 Lecture/Trunk Show

Quilting Modern – Honoring Tradition

Jacquie will share her journey from discovering quilting seven years ago to developing her voice as a modern quilter. You will come away with an understanding of the modern quilt aesthetic as well as how tradition is the touchstone for Jacque’s work.

Jacquie is a leader in the modern quilt movement. She is on the Board of Directors of the Modern Quilt Guild and co-author of Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts.
2015-2016 Officers & Committees

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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 – Pam Farnsworth
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

SPECIAL OFFER FROM TAMMY HALL

Need a quilt machine quilted? Contact Tammy Hall and benefit both you and our guild. Tammy will donate 50% of her proceeds to the guild to help defray our operating costs. This offer is open to both quilt guild members and their friends. Please spread the word. Tammy can be reached at 802-881-9779.

CARPOOLING TO LOCAL QUILT SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

Would you like to spend a day with your quilting friends and have a chance to make new friends? If so, let’s organize to carpool to a show. The following are shows during September and October.

2. Annual Quilt Exhibit at Billings Farm in Woodstock till September 30th.
3. “A Harvest of Quilts” of the Common Thread Quilt Guild in Morrisville on October 10 and 11

I will be happy to coordinate carpools and put members together to attend these shows. Please call Jeannette Harrison at 871-5025, or email her at sspdy55@gmail.com, if you are interested in going and carpooling to any of these shows.

Community Quilts

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our table at the first meeting of the year to drop off finished quilts and tops and to those who took quilts to finish. Rita Bortz volunteered to take quilts to the Ronald McDonald House. What a great start to the new year!

The Community Quilts Workshop will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Essex Center. Bring your sewing machine, a cutting board and your rotary cutter. We will be assembling community quilt and fidget quilt kits and cutting fabric for more kits.

You can bring your lunch or buy your lunch at Hoagies or Price Chopper which are nearby. We hope to see you on October 10th for a fun and productive day.

Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger

September 15th Board Snippets

Meeting at the Williston Library, discussion was held about

*******exploring several possibilities for alternate meeting spaces. Guidelines were explained. The cost should be around $100.00 per evening, there must be ample parking and the space must hold 70 to 100 people.

*******the ideas from the September meeting discussion regarding raising money and various other possibilities

*******many ideas for helping with our year’s theme of creating community

*******new ideas from Heather Bosen about Facebook and Instagram as ways of getting information out about the guild, as well as print methods of relaying information about meetings and speakers

*******finding “interns” to work with the program co chairs this year so they are ready to take the positions next year.

Barbara Carter

New Quilt Shop to Open

“Quilting With Color”, a new quilt shop is opening at 21 Taft Corners Shopping Center, Williston, Vt. The target date for opening is October 1st. The lease was signed at the beginning of September and we have been busy renovating the space along with a lot of other work that needs to be completed before the door can open. The shop will be full of color with a wide selection of fabrics from Hoffman, Kona Bay Fabrics, RJR Fabrics, Benartex, Moda and others. I will have a web page and a Facebook page but at this time those accounts haven’t been set up.

JoAnne Lattrell
Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild Minutes, September 7th, 2015

President Connie McDonald welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the guild. She reminded members, and especially new members, to register with membership chair Carla White. She stated that we still need two people to “intern” this year with program chairs Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer in order to be ready to serve as chairs in next year. There is also a need for a raffle quilt coordinator to take charge of ticket sales for this year. Only one quarter of our goal was raised at the fair this year.

Teela Dusfresne invited people to sign up for Quilt Camp this Fall. This four day event, a time of sewing and friendship time, will be held October 1st through the 4th at Camp Abenaki. Meals are provided by a cook. Campers are invited to come for all or part of the weekend. Several spaces are still available and the information is on our website.

Bus Trip chair, Jeanette Harrison suggested several shows that members could attend as small groups. She offered to coordinate the event and invited members to contact her for more information. Hospitality co chair Kathy Kenny is looking for members who wish to welcome new members and guests and requested they contact her.

Joanne Guilmette reminded members of the Challenge Quilts, The theme is “Reach for the Stars” and reminded participants to bring them to the October meeting where they will be displayed and voted on by members. Those wishing to have their quilts included at the three venues are asked to attach a card with information about the quilt and a hanging sleeve. Check the website for more information. Hope Johnson will provide an update on the Bees for Development Sunflower quilt at the October meeting.

These announcements were followed with a discussion was held. The topics included ideas and ways to generate more income for our guild and methods to create a friendlier and more welcoming environment for both members, friends and visitors. It was agreed that the Guild will promote a year focused on Creating Community. Connie invited members to contact her with more ideas on this theme.

Librarian, Pam Farnsworth invited members to take a crate of books home and bring them back to the meeting the next month. Cards are in each book to fill out and turn in. Barbara Forauer is collecting sewing machines and bikes for developing countries in this world by September 25th. Donations of money are also welcome. She and Audrey Moore make dog beds for an animal shelter. They place scraps in a cloth bag and then sew the bag shut.

Susan Rivers thanked all the members who sold tickets at the fair. She pulled Linda Lane’s name from all the names for a prize. Heather Bosen presented the raffle blocks to Collette Kaiser. The October project will be bibs for the medical center. The Quilts of Valor raffle prize was also given to Collette by Joanne Guilmette. Kathy Kenny gave the nametag raffle prize to Josie Moore.

The minutes of the June meeting were adopted as printed on motion of Teela Dufresne and Audrey Moore.

The meeting was adjourned after two show and tell presentations. The first displayed projects started in workshops or classes, and the second was the regular presentation of completed, (or not), projects.

Barbara Carter

Result from 10 days of Selling Raffle Tickets

To all the volunteers, thank you! We took in $1,368.00 during the 10 days of the Champlain Valley Fair. Our beautiful 2015 raffle quilt was a big hit. I'll begin signing up volunteers for the 2016 fair starting next May. Next year's fair dates are August 26 – September 4, 2016.

Sue Rivers, Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales.
CVQG Programs/Workshops 2013-2014

BOTH OCTOBER WORKSHOPS ARE FULL. THERE IS A WAITING LIST.

Wednesday October 7 Workshop with Jacquie Gering
Slice and Insert Improvisation

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $45 members, $50 non-members
Location: United Church of Colchester

Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Join Jacquie for a full day workshop focusing on the improvisational Slice and Insert piecing technique from the book Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts. Learn the basic technique and a new adaptation, a foolproof strategy for matching inserts, simple techniques for adding complexity to a design as well as how to work with even width and wedge shaped inserts. Combine simple sewing with a new skill and create your own linear design. Jacquie will share quilts from the book as well as new designs to inspire you.

Thursday October 8 Workshop with Jacquie Gering
Creative Quilting with the Walking Foot

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $45 members, $50 non-members
Location: United Church of Colchester
Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Want to quilt your quilts on your home machine and maybe free motion quilting isn’t for you? Come discover the joy and creative possibilities of quilting with your walking foot. Straight-line quilting has a long history and is making a comeback in both modern and traditional quilts. Learn tips and tricks for successful quilting with your walking foot along with creative quilting designs that can be accomplished on your home machine. If you bring a finished quilt, we’ll talk together about how to quilt our quilts with designs we can accomplish with a walking foot.

Jo Diggs  http://jodiggs.com/newsite/

Tuesday November 3      Lecture/ Trunk Show

Jo Diggs has always cut, stitched and loved fabric. She is best known for landscapes of great depth, distance and light that express feelings of quiet and serenity. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and was featured at the Vermont Quilt Festival in 2013 in an exhibit of 50+ works titled “Life’s Work: The Quilts of Jo Diggs”.

Her wool quilt Snowscape is in the collection of the National Quilt Museum. Other notable works include a quilt series of the Four Seasons, an Audubon donation quilt and A Full Tank, a large, crowded, exciting fish quilt. Over the years she has been published in many books and magazines including Quilter’s Newsletter and American Quilter Magazine. Two of her landscapes appear in Valerie Hearder’s book, Points of View: Landscape Quilts to Stitch and Embellish. A trained art teacher, Jo is dedicated to helping other stitchers achieve success and pleasure in their own work.
Wednesday November 4 Workshops: The Process of Landscape Design...

Landscapes in Cotton: Layering for Space (am)

Advanced Landscapes: A Design Class (pm)

**Time:** 9:00am to noon (am class) / 1pm to 4 pm (pm class)

**Cost:** $30 for any one half day workshop ($35 non-members), $45 for full day ($50 non-members)

**Skill Level:** The morning class is applicable to any skill level. Those taking the afternoon class should have prior experience in creating a fabric landscape, or have taken the morning class so they have an understanding of the process.

Jo will offer two landscape workshops on the same day. In the morning workshop, learn to layer fabric to create landscapes from simple to complex. Instead of piecing with patterns, enjoy free-cutting and building simple shapes using theories of perspective to suggest landscapes with illusions of space and distance, light effects, and glowing color.

The afternoon workshop will build on the morning workshop in demonstrating how to enhance or change a landscape. While the morning workshop will work with fabric, the afternoon workshop will work with black and white and color copies of landscapes. The class will explore landscape enhancement, re-structuring, repeating, and morphing to make the basic landscape richer and more interesting. Paper exercises lead to expanded layouts with multiple views and shifting focus. This is a good class for a group with experience in creating landscapes.

Students in the afternoon class are invited to bring a landscape they have completed or are working to complete. The last half hour of the class will be devoted to a group critique of these works.

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Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild – Fall Workshop Registration

Name _________________________________ Check #s ____________

Email address ___________________________ Phone ____________

_____ Wednesday Nov. 4: 9 AM to Noon   Jo Diggs  Landscapes in Cotton

_____ Wednesday Nov. 4: 1 PM to 4 PM   Jo Diggs  Advanced Landscapes

Members: $30 for any one of Jo’s workshops, $45 for both
Non-members: $35 for any one of Jo’s workshop, $50 for both

Mail checks for Jo’s workshops to Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446

Payment is required at time of sign-up. Please write separate checks for each class and make payable to CVQG. Sign up at the meeting or, after confirming availability.

programs@cvqgvt.org

*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.*
## Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
### July 2015 through June 2016

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**Highlights:**
- Membership Income: $3310 so far, approximately 64 members, 51% of goal
- Raffle Quilt Income: $1711 so far, 31% of goal
OCTOBER RAFFLE BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Block of the Month News

October Block of the Month isn’t a block! We are hoping you will join in the fun of giving by making;

Bibs for Babies These will donated to the UVM Medical Center’s Children’s Hospital. I used a pattern which is free from Pellon http://www.pellonprojects.com. The title is: Best Bib on the Block with a beginner skill level. You will see by looking at the picture it is a great place to play with fabric combinations and using up some larger scraps. Shown here are two that I put together. It took less than an hour. If you have a favorite pattern go ahead and use that. Just make sure that fabric and batting are 100% cotton content.

If anyone has difficulty or no access to the internet please contact Michele Cummings @ macandbag@hotmail.com or call 802-434-4763 and I will print off and mail a pattern to you.

Next on the agenda for November is an easy block in traditional Christmas colors.

This pattern can be found at http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SquaresUponSquaresBlock.html

Please use Reds, Greens and Bright Whites. It should measure 12.5 x 12.5 when you are done. Have Fun
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.

November 3: Jo Diggs http://jodiggs.com/newsite/
December 1: Holiday Program
January 5: TBD
February 2: Cheryl 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