

DECEMBER 1: 6 p.m. HOLIDAY PARTY AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

Meeting Location:
St. John Vianney Church,
160 Hinesburg Rd,
South Burlington, Vt

- 6.00 Arrive for Social Hour
Share finger foods
- 7.00 CVUHS madrigal choir
performance
- 7.30 activities led by Ruth W.
and Barbara H.,
including Show and Tell
- 8.30 Meeting ends.



President's Address

DECEMBER 2015

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Wow. This year is moving right along and our holiday party will be upon us in no time! I am so glad that it's falling early this year, on December 1, so I will have lots of time to finish up my last minute holiday preparations. Plus, I've been listening at all the board meetings to the fun ideas Ruth and Barbara have in store for us. Truly, I can hardly wait! Don't forget that we will be meeting at St. John Vianney's Parish Center and we will be beginning earlier than when our monthly meetings usually start, with yummy finger foods we will bring to share.

Also, by the time you are reading this, we will have had the first meeting for next fall's quilt show. If you were not able to make it, don't fret as there will be plenty more opportunities for you to get involved. Now that we've all had a year off to get our feet back under us, we're looking forward to see a big upswing in member involvement. We hope YOU can find some time to do a bit of volunteering for the upcoming show.

In January, we welcome one of our own members, Hope Johnson, to do a presentation. I chatted with her recently about it and it sounds like it will be eclectic and wide ranging; it should be a lot of fun. We will also be presenting our next Creating Community initiative which will involve small quilt bees (bees – those of you who know Hope will appreciate how appropriate this initiative is for this month!). Several members, including new ones, have asked about joining a quilt bee, and you might have seen the email Adrian sent out earlier asking if your current bee has room for more or if you would be interested in starting a new one. Thank you so much for considering this thoughtfully so we can continue helping our guild to be a warm, welcoming group.

Connie McDonald

**Tuesday, December 1
6 p.m. Holiday Party at our December Guild Meeting**

The social hour begins at 6 p.m. Please bring a sweet or savory finger food to share. Coffee, tea, and punch will be provided. The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. We will be privileged to be entertained by the CVU Madrigal Singers. We'll be having a special show and tell as well. In addition to sharing your usual quilt items, please bring along an item that you enjoy every year as part of your holiday decorations and tell us the story behind it. Presents for all and door prizes will complete the party and put all in a holiday spirit.

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 – 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—Jeannette Harrison
 Green Mountain Rep – Mitzi Oakes & Marty DelNevo
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui
 Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
 Publicity—Heather Bosen
 Hospitality—Kathy Kenney

Community Quilts

With the help of guild members who have helped us distribute quilts in the past and our new volunteers, we have given away over 50 quilts since September to local organizations and individuals. We distributed lap quilts to Burlington Health and Rehab and Fanny Allen Rehab for the first time. For the second year in a row, we donated a quilt to The Epilepsy Foundation's annual silent auction. Thank you to all the guild members who work so hard to make Community Quilts a success.

Carol Thurgate, Sandi Hardy and Gail Babinger

Library News!

The guild received a large donation of books for the library. There are also many magazines. While the books will be added to the library, there are magazines as well. We thought we would offer people the chance to request a specific back issue. Please contact me at lpastel@alum.mit.edu and I will see if we have it. The donations received include the following magazines. There are some duplicates and not all issues are available.

Quilter's Newsletter Nov/Dec 1988 No. 207 - Oct/Nov 2013
 Quiltmaker Spr/Sum 1988 - Mar/Apr 2013
 American Patchwork & Quilting Apr. 1993 - Aug. 2013

Pam Farnsworth and Leah Pastel

CVQG Board Snippets, November 10th, 2015

- *****An update of the plans for the Holiday Party was presented
- *****Names were discussed of possible candidates for the open positions for board members and chairs
- *****Discussion was held about the possible budget short fall due to low raffle quilt ticket sales and ideas of where cuts in the budget could be made.
- ****Fifteen print newsletters are still being mailed
- **** A motion was made to add Marty DelNevo to be a signer on the CD account.

Barbara Carter

CALLING FOR A HUNDRED PILLOWCASES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN IN BARRE

Kim Portaluppi, guild member and school teacher, is hoping to collect 100 pillowcases for the most needy children (out of 1,000 kids) attending Barre Elementary. They have a very transient student population so not only do the pillowcases serve as a clean place to rest their heads wherever they may be - homeless shelters, couch surfing, in & out of Foster Care, etc. - but they also provide the kids a way to take the few possessions they have with them when they move from place to place. Pillowcases are easy and quick to make needing only a yard of fabric. Directions can easily be found if you Google 'making a pillowcase' or 'pillowcase burrito method'. The 'burrito method' is my personal favorite. Please bring any pillowcases you have made to the December holiday meeting so they can be given to Kim.

Marty DelNevo

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild Minutes, November 3rd, 2015

President Connie McDonald opened the meeting by greeting everyone. She encouraged members to finish filling up their bingo cards during the break and pointed out how to turn them in. She reminded those with expenses to give them to Adrian Garneau during the break.

Program co chair Janet Brunet introduced our speaker, Jo Diggs who displayed some of her collection of antique quilts, and pointed out how the quilting enhanced the design. She also showed many of her own quilts and appliqued clothing.

Many members turned in their completed bingo sheets during the break. Kathy Kenny, Hospitality co chair introduced three new members and guests. The minutes of the October meeting were approved by motion of Ruth Whitaker and Andre Emmell. Adrian Garneau, treasurer, talked about an updated budget report indicating that we have reached only 39% of our goal with the raffle quilt.

Marty DeNevo announced that a meeting will be held at her house on November 18th to start the planning of the 2016 quilt show. The show will be held in October in collaboration with the rug hookers at the Expo in Essex Junction. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

Jeanette Harrison also invited members to contact her if they are interested in car pooling to the Quilters' Gathering in Manchester.

The Quilts of Valor raffle was won by Kathy Kenney. June Sweeney won the name tag raffle. The raffle blocks were won by Andre Emmell. Michele Cummings reminded members that the January block would be in the newsletter and on the website.

The Bingo prizes were won by Judy Newton, Collette Kaiser, Rose Orr, Mary Bartlett, and Jackie Mastrianni.

Ruth Whitaker explained the setup for the December Holiday Party. It will be held at St John Vianney church and will start at 6:00 pm. Members are asked to bring either a sweet and/or savory treats. A special Show and Tell will be held and members are asked to share a meaningful holiday decoration.

Pam Farnsworth thanked the Library Angels who have been bringing the book crates in, and asked for a couple of more volunteers. The books will not be available at the December meeting. The next Board meeting will be November 10th at Marty's home.

Two pop up gatherings were announced; the first will be held at Janet Brunet's on November 9th, and the second at Janet Jaffe's on November 15th.

Connie reminded all of us that we needed someone to volunteer as a president elect. In addition, a raffle quilt coordinator and 2 program committee interns are needed. Please contact Connie if you are able to volunteer for these positions.

The meeting adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter

A FEW SNAPSHOTS FROM OCTOBER'S COMMUNITY QUILTS GATHERING SHARED BY LINDA LANE



CVQG Programs/Workshops 2013-2014

WINTER PRESENTATIONS

Hope Johnson [hppt://vermontquiltbee.com](http://vermontquiltbee.com)

Tuesday January 5 Lecture

Craft and Community: A Creative Partnership



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.

Cheryl Z. Miller <http://www.cherylzmillierart.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.



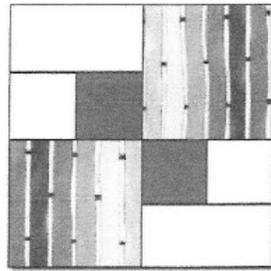
Cheryl exhibits her work mostly in New England. She has a BA in Art History from Hope College, where she also studied studio art. She was a plein air oil painter for many years and learned traditional quilt making when she moved to New Hampshire in 1996. She still occasionally paints or makes a quilt 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.

Tam's Patch

This makes an 8" block!

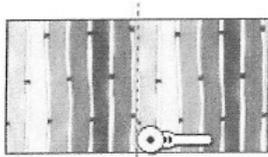
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Please abide by the Terms and Conditions of use! :o)

5 blocks x 7 blocks would be a nice Project Linus Quilt!

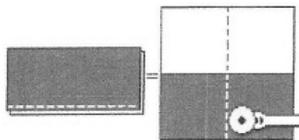
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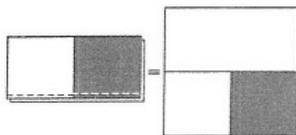
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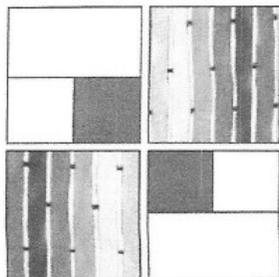
Next cut the Color 3 2-1/2" x 9" strip into two 2-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles...



Now sew the Color 2 and Color 3 2-1/2" x 5" strips right sides together along one long edge, using a 1/4" seam allowance. Press seam to the darker side. Cut this at the 2-1/2" point to make two pieced units...



Sew a Color 3 rectangle to the top of each pieced unit as shown at left...



Now lay out all units as shown at left. Sew two horizontal rows, and then join the rows to complete the block...Good Job!

...on to Page 2!



Color picture of an actual block.

Tam's Patch provides us a simple way to make a contribution to the Linus Project. If we can get 35 blocks we will have a quilt top in their recommended size. Please use dark batiks for the larger squares and brights for the smaller squares. Use cream or white tone on tone for the setting blocks. Any questions please contact Michele Cummings 802-434-4763. Hope you have fun with it!

Michele Cummings

Newsletter editor's comments: I hope this information is clear. If you have problems understanding please go to the website. I did not have enough time to get together with Michele to make this block more explicit. I also do not have the ability to edit PDFs; hence the light blue letters that read "on to Page 2" which does not exist in this newsletter.

Esther Nui

Do You Know? An Important Announcement.

Each year we have a raffle quilt. This year, because we have not had a quilt show, ticket sales are even more important than usual. Many volunteers sold tickets at the fair, and the quilt was on display at a quilt shop and the Shelburne Farms harvest festival. We are very grateful for all the people who helped with these endeavors. However, we are still hoping for more tickets to be sold. As you know, thanks to our treasurer, Adrian Garneau's great explanations, the money raised from the raffle covers all our expenses except for the programs budget, which is covered with membership fees. This includes the rent we pay for our meeting spaces, community quilt supplies, library purchases, insurance, storage for our quilt racks and community quilt supplies, the print newsletter, membership expenses, office supplies, and a donation to Vermont Quilt Festival.

Sometimes in the past we have mailed three books of six tickets each to every member and asked them to return \$15.00. Postage has made this cost too much, so we are trusting that each member will sell or buy the tickets or contribute a donation. The winning ticket will be drawn at the December Holiday Party. As it stands now, we have met about 33% of our needed fundraising income to cover budgeted general expenses for the year. This shortfall will likely mean we will have to make some cuts, because our only other fundraising income is from the Tea Cup Auction in June.

We are encouraging any members and friends who have not picked up raffle tickets to do so at the holiday party. They can be sold to friends, relatives, neighbors, or anyone else who would enjoy the opportunity to win such a lovely quilt. Susan Rivers will put your address labels on your tickets if you mail her a check and your labels. Her address is 237 Shelburne Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Your info needs to get to her by December 1st.

Please give this your attention so we can keep the guild healthy and productive.

The Executive Committee

November 16, 2015 Budget Summary

Membership Dues are meant to cover Programs

Dues raised to date: \$4,830.00

Programs Budget: \$5,705.00

We've raised 85% of the funds needed to cover Programs for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year

Fundraising Efforts are meant to cover Other General Expenses

Raffle Quilt Funds raised to date: \$2,217.00

General Expenses Budget: \$6,705.00

We've raised 33% of the funds needed to cover Other General Expenses for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year

Overall, we've raised 57% of the funds needed to cover all budgeted expenses for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year (\$7,047 total raised / \$12,410 total expenses budgeted)

Adrian Garneau



Are you looking for new members to join your bee? Would you like to start or join a bee? Information will be posted here each month. Please contact our beekeeper, Adrian Garneau at adrian_garneau@yahoo.com or call 802-891-6543.

Pop-up Work Groups

These provide an opportunity to meet up with fellow quilters in small groups on a one-time basis. Have fun, get to know other guild members, share skills and be inspired. Anyone can be a leader and advertise here. Any member can join in.

Meeting ideas are endless. Would you like to work with others on a free online tutorial? Work together in Craftsy classes? Make small gifts? Community project? Design? Work on UFO's and get some inspiration to finish? Or just get together and quilt?

To submit a pop-up, contact Janet Brunet. jbrunetvt@gmail.com or phone in guild directory.

News from Janet Jaffe and her November 15 Pop-up.

Attendees were Carla White and new guild members Jane Henley-Stone and Caroline Juneau. It was a good gathering...the light was lovely, the company congenial, and the spirit was one of giving. We'll net 4 more juvenile quilts for the Barre Elementary and Middle School Holiday Giving Quilt Drive.



Notes from a (former) Backbencher

I've belonged to the guild for a long time. I volunteered for the odd job, worked on community quilts, and almost always sat in the back of the room at meetings. Then I saw the light. It was time to step up to the plate and take on a really big job. I volunteered to work as Program Co-chair with Janet Brunet. It is a lot of work to bring top notch programs to the guild, but there are a lot of rewards. I attend workshops free of charge, not an insignificant perk over my time on the job. I began to really understand what it takes to show up at a meeting and hear a nationally known speaker. Best of all, I came to know more guild members in three years than I really knew in the past ten years of my membership.

Isn't it time you stopped being a backbencher? In June, Janet and I will leave our roles as Program Co-Chairs. We're looking to work with two Program Co-Chair interns who will take over when we leave. We'll leave the job having contracted for national speakers through 2017, so you'll have some breathing room before moving forward to contract speakers farther out.

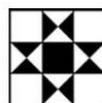
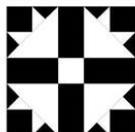
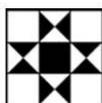
We'd love to hear from you.

Pat Hechmer

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.

January 5: Hope Johnson <http://vermontquiltbee.com/>
February 2: Cheryl Z. Miller <http://www.cherylzmillertart.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



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To celebrate the milestone of 1500 quilts quilted on my machine I am offering 15% off one quilt per customer for quilts dropped off in November and December!