President’s Address

February is only 28 days (4 weeks exactly). We can celebrate President’s Day, and work on the Quilts of Valor Mystery Quilt project that Andre has given us during these winter months. I hope that everyone is happily working by the fire or in a warm place sewing on your favorite project. We will soon find out what the Show Committee has chosen for a theme for our Quilt Show in October.

Cheer up! Spring will soon be here. Be thinking about how you might like to serve the Guild. Next month, I will have a list of ways for you to do that. Happy Sewing!

Karey Young, President

February 5 Program Change

We regret to report that Alicia Cardoza will not be able to speak at our February meeting as planned. We hope that she will be able to give her presentation sometime next year.

Sue McGuire has graciously accepted the call and is busy preparing her presentation – It’s All About Friendship Quilts. Sue will discuss different types of friendship quilts. She will show examples made by her and her friends and will lead a Show-and-Tell of members’ quilts. Please bring yours to show. All types are welcome: similar quilts you and friends made together; blocks made by members of your group; signature quilts made for a special occasion; progressive quilts with borders made by others.

Following Sue’s presentation, we will break up into discussion groups for the purpose of coming up with ideas to better improve our guild and to get to know each other a little better. Group leaders will address the questions listed on page 3. It would be great if you could jot down your suggestions beforehand. If you can’t attend the meeting but would like to share some suggestions, please email them to programs@cvqqvt.org.
Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Minutes, January 8th, 2013

President Karey Young opened the meeting held at the Essex Alliance Church and welcomed one new member.

Community Quilts chair Janet Jaffe announced a workshop will be held January 19th. Small quilts will be available for machine quilting, ready to be donated to Converse Home. She reported on quilts donated during the holiday season. 25 were given to Fletcher Allen Pediatric unit, 16 to the Ronald MacDonald House, 20 to Woman Helping Battered Women, 17 to the VNA, and 60 to the NICU at Fletcher Allen. In addition, three or four bed sized quilts were donated, and a donation was made to the Franklin County Humane Society to be used in a fundraising project. A jelly roll quiltmaking workshop is being planned.

Quilts of Valor coordinator Andre Emmell, explained the way the mystery quilt project will work. Directions for the first step and a presentation case were available and may be acquired by emailing Andre. Andre will furnish backing, batting and machine quilt them. The goal is a donation of thirty quilts.

Program co chair Carla White introduced Marilyn Gillis, a fiber artist who described her various ways of using fibers and displayed many items of finished work.

Karey reminded everyone to keep an eye on the website if bad weather is predicted and a meeting might need to be cancelled. The next board meeting will be January 10th at Yankee Pride.

After the break, Karey presided over the business part of the meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed on motion of Jane Banks and Teela Dufresne. Librarian Claire Graham Smith announced 15 new books, including some new fiction, have been added to the collection. She will not continue as Librarian next year.

Info table chair Pam Farnsworth presented the prize for the name tag raffle to Kirstin Shain.

Winter Warmth Raffle chair Ruth Whitaker presented that prize to Barbara Harrison. Sue McGuire, co chair of the Raffle Blocks, showed the February block. The January snowman blocks were won by Andre Emmell.

Adjournment was moved by Esther Nui and Linda Lees. Show and Tell was held.

Barbara Carter

Jan. Board Snippets

****a decision was made to donate the money raised by the raffle each month to help Andre with backing and batting for Quilts for Valor. Winter warmth is no longer receiving requests for quilts.

****work continued on reviewing and revising the by laws

****plans were made and questions devised for the discussion at the February meeting.

****discussion continued on encouraging members to join the leadership team.

Barbara Carter

Sharing Corner:

March 16 & 17, 2013: Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild presents, “Traditions and Treasures” Quilt Show, Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph St., Canton, MA http://rmgg.org/

April 6 & 7, 2013: 15TH Annual Franklin County Quilt Show, St. Albans City Hall, 100 N. Main St., St. Albans, Vermont http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/

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Charges are by the Square inch or linear inch whichever is cheaper. Thread charges are 2.95 per bobbin. I prefer to do edge to edge, but can do custom quilting for a higher cost. I have an account with Quilters Dream so I can furnish the batting for the standard fee.

Andre Emmell
Discussion Questions for February 5 Meeting

Following is a list of questions for our group discussions (See page 1):

What do you like best about the guild?
If you could change one thing about the guild what would it be?
Do you have any suggestions for making the show better?
What can we do to encourage more people to enter quilts in our show?
Is there something about guild meetings you would like to see done differently?
How do we get more people involved in the leadership of the guild?
How can we best make our new members feel welcome and part of this large guild?
Does the Guild do enough outreach, to educate the community at large as to what quilting is all about?

COMMUNITY QUILTS

Community Quilts is the name we use to describe our guild’s charitable activities. Each year, we donate quilts to individuals and/or organizations in need. There are lots of ways to make a difference. If you would like to volunteer, contact Janet Jaffe at 878-2344 or janetejaffe@gmail.com.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

At our February guild meeting we will be honoring those members who have made outstanding contributions during 2012 to the guild’s charitable efforts with an award ceremony.

COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOPS

The Community Quilts Workshop Schedule has just been updated and revised. All 2013 workshops until the end of this guild year will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the Essex Alliance Church and the dates and times are as noted below. If you would like to volunteer to help with the preparation/organization of, OR can demo a quilting technique or skill at a future workshop, please let us know.

COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 9am – 2pm
Saturday, April 20 – 9am – 2pm

UPCOMING

WHAT IS 1,600 INCHES LONG WHEN IT STARTS AND FINISHES 48” X 64”\textsuperscript{?} THE JELLY ROLL 1,600 QUILT!
The March Community Quilts Workshop will feature our very first Jelly Roll Race with the completed tops being donated to Community Quilts for future charitable donations. Not sure what that is? Check out the following online video clip using the link below. Be sure to turn the volume on.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EomX7t7to_o

In order to join the race, each quilter will need to bring a sewing machine and either a store-bought jelly roll or its equivalent (40 – 2½” strips each approximately as long as the width of the fabric from selvedge to selvedge.) We currently have a sizeable stash of strips in our inventory but we are looking for strip donations in order to be sure that every one who would like to participate in the race is able to do so. Look for additional details at guild meetings and in the next newsletter.

We welcome your suggestions and feedback as to how to improve the quality of both our efforts, in general, and Community Quilts Workshops in particular. Please contact Janet Jaffe at 878-2344 or janetejaffe@gmail.com.
CVQG Programs 2012-2013
For more information about our Programs, see our website www.cvqgvt.org or stop by the Programs table at the meeting. We welcome suggestions from all guild members.
Janet Brunet & Carla White (Programs co-chairs – programs@cvqgvt.org)

Saturday Feb. 23 Workshops: Raw Edge Collage Landscape Quilt Design
*** The January 12 workshop was a huge success. There are only a few openings in this class so reserve now!

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm  Cost: $30
Location: United Church of Colchester

This workshop will teach you how to create a realistic 11” by 17” quilt based on a photo of your choice. Simple landscapes without too much foreground detail, and close-ups of flowers or animals work best. I will walk you through my technique of utilizing a black and white copy of your photo to see value and translate that into a compelling and realistic image. Complex shapes and designs are easy because there is no piecing. The entire piece is based on fusible raw edge collage.

Tuesday March 5, 2013: Judy Thomas (Yankee Pride Quilt Shop)
http://www.allianceforamericanquilts.org/gsos/interview.php?kid=14-31-C9D

Join us at the March 5th meeting for Judy’s trunk show of her fabulous quilts.

Tuesday April 2, 2013: Susan Brubaker Knapp (Mooresville,NC)
http://www.bluemoonriver.com/

Susan is a nationally known fiber artist, quilt pattern designer, and teacher whose work has won awards nationally and locally. Nearly all of her work is realistic in style, and starts with original photographs of the subjects. She uses two primary techniques – wholecloth painting, and fused appliqué – then heavily free-motion thread sketch the surface before quilting.

Lecture: "The Artist Within You" Susan will present a digital slide show and trunk show describing her personal journey from a traditional quilter to an artist that makes both traditional quilts and art quilts.
Wednesday April 3  Evening Workshop - Thread Sketching: Cripps Pink Apple
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJPgYg2qkX4

Time: 6:00m – 9:00pm  Cost: $30  Level: Intermediate

**Location:** Essex Alliance Church, Community Center

Learn how to add highlights and shadows, and blend colors using thread sketching to create a realistic apple. This is the most basic of my thread sketching classes. Using a simple apple pattern, students learn how to:

- cut pieces from fusible adhesive and fuse them to the background
- stabilize the fabric surface
- choose the right threads and needles for thread sketching
- adjust tension for the correct stitch
- add color, highlights and shadows using thread quilting considerations

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Thursday April 4  Full Day Workshop – Wholecloth Painting: Botanicals

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm  Cost: $40  Kit fee payable to instructor: $25

**Location:** Essex Alliance Church, Community Center

Students will learn the basics of creating wholecloth painted quilts based on photos. Students can choose from the four projects shown above, and will work from line drawings and my photos to recreate the image using acrylic textile paints. We will cover:

- selecting the right photos for great results
- which paints and fabrics to use and why
- how to transfer your design to fabric
- painting and blending techniques
- quilting considerations

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Tuesday May 7, 2013: Dianne S. Hire (Northport, Maine)

Dianne S. Hire is an award winning quilt maker, lecturer, instructor, and author who speaks the language of vibrant color as she uses fabric to create painterly collages. Dianne’s lectures entertain and inform. Her love of teaching is reflected in workshops that students describe as uniquely fun and exciting; she encourages creative freedom bordering on fabric mayhem. You will find her quirky sense of humor refreshing and fun to be around.

**We will be offering two workshops with Dianne – a Monday evening 3 hour workshop and a full day Tuesday workshop. Signups will begin with the March newsletter. We need to finalize the workshops.**
June 4, 2013: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction

Our end of the year program is an auction of goodies and a pot luck dinner.

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

February 5, 2013: Sue McGuire  Bring your Friendship Quilts to this Meeting
March 5, 2013: Judy Thomas  
April 2, 2013: Susan Brubaker Knapp
May 7, 2013: Dianne S. Hire  
June 4, 2013: Potluck Supper & Teacup Auction

Coming Next Year!

October: Mary Sorensen
November: Pam Weeks
April: Gyleen Fitzgerald
May: Rayna Gillman

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild - Winter/Spring Workshop Registration

Name _______________________________________ Check #s ________
Email address ____________________________________ Phone ______

☐ Sat, Feb 23  Anne Standish  Raw Edge Collage  $30
☐ Wed, April 3  Susan Brubaker Knapp  Thread Painting:  $30
☐ Thurs, April 4  Susan Brubaker Knapp  Wholecloth Painting: Botanicals  $40
☐ Member  ☐ Non-member

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, mail to: Carla White, 7 Valley Road, S. Burlington, VT 05403

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.

CAMP ABNAKI RETREAT 2013. SAVE THESE DATES!

Spring Session – April 25 thru April 28
Fall Session – Sept. 26 thru Sept. 29
Forms and prices will be available in early 2013. Teela Dufresne

Monthly Raffle

The monthly raffle at each guild meeting now benefits the Quilts of Valor program. 6 tickets are still $5 or $1 a piece. Someone volunteering to provide items for the Raffle is always welcome. See me at a meeting or call 985-2950. Ruth Whitaker

Library Notes

A select number of library crates will be available again at this meeting. Volunteers, please bring a few of your crates to the meeting. Thanks. Claire Gaham-Smith, librarian
**MARCH RAFFLE BLOCK**

**SCRAPPY WHEELS**

Block drawing will be at the March Meeting

This scrappy wheel pattern uses partial seam construction. We think the overall effect using everyone’s color and fabric combinations will make a great completed quilt by the lucky winner.

**Fabric** — For each block

- 3 – Dark or Medium prints
- Background fabric – any beige or tan

**Cutting** —

- Dark Fabrics – Cut 1 – 2” strip at least 8” long of each
- Background – Cut 4 – 2” by 5” ovals
  - Cut 1 – 2” square

**Sewing** —

Sew 3 dark strips together. Press toward center strip. From resulting triple strip,

**Cut 4 – 2” x 5” sections**

Sew background ovals to each section, keeping same orientation of fabrics. Press toward background fabric.

Sew background square to one of the sections as shown, leaving 3/4” toward center unattached (partial seam). Press toward square.

**Remaining Sections** —

Sew the next 3 sections in a clockwise direction around the center square, matching seams. Press toward the background square each time.

After attaching the final section, complete the partial seam while sewing the last section to the first, as shown.

**Ta Da** – The final block looks like this.

Block measures 8” square, unfinished.

Use this picture to decide which order to place the dark fabrics

To make multiple blocks, use longer strips of dark fabrics.

Remember, the more you make the more chances you have to win the entire batch.

Have fun, good luck at the drawing.

Raffle Block team – Sue McGuire (482-3075), Jeanette Mann (372-3215) & Carolyn McCray (372-4873). Call us if you have questions.
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Feb. 9 & 10: 20% off purple fabric
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Feb. 23 & 24: 20% off red fabric

New at Yankee Pride
*Thimbleberries Block Party from RJR
*Storybook Classics from Windham
*Fusion & Ombre from Robert Kaufman
*Ticklish from Moda

Mystery Quilt
Fall 2012 Mystery Quilt reunion: Saturday, Feb. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Spring 2013 Mystery Quilt begins Saturday, Feb. 23 at 9:15 or 10 a.m.
Sign up by Wednesday, Feb. 20!