

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
WE ARE BACK IN THE ALLIANCE CHURCH!**

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

- 6.30 Social Time
- 7.00 Welcome and important announcements
- 7.10 Speaker
- 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 **FEBRUARY 2015**

When we meet again, Groundhog Day will have come and gone and we'll know if we have 6 more weeks of winter! Ha! Maybe that works in Florida! Keep on sewing; it helps the winter fly by. Let's see what you've been working on at February's Show and Tell.

The Board met earlier this week and did decide, based on the input from all of you, to postpone our next quilt show until October 2016.

Having made that decision, it gives us time to review how we've managed the show, our expenses, what works, what doesn't work, what changes we might like to see, etc. I will be setting up a meeting in the next month or so to kick off that discussion. Everyone will be invited to attend to provide feedback. I am especially hoping that our prior show chairs and committee members will choose to participate since you have valuable insight that would be very beneficial to the discussion. Look for an email from me about this in the coming weeks.

Connie McDonald is coordinating the raffle quilt effort and is looking for people who are willing to help with that effort.

I'm looking forward to hearing Joanne Shapp's presentation in February. I had the pleasure to speak with her when she was selected as one of the highlighted quilters at a Northern Lights guild show a few years ago.

Sincerely, Marty DeNevo, CVQG President

Quick and Easy Bias Tape Demo

Before we meet and at break time, Helen Irwin will demo how to make quick and easy bias tape from your stash. All that is needed is a long pin, iron, an ironing surface and fabric cut 1" wide on the bias. Come be inspired by her samples of how to use bias fabric in your quilts. Helen will give her demo at a table outside the sanctuary.



Tues. Feb. 3 Featured Speaker - Joanne Shapp: Confessions of a Cereal Quilter

Explore the mystery and controversy around Crop Circles with quilter Joanne Shapp. What are these huge patterns that appear in crop fields around the world each year? Are they made by people or is something else going on?

Joanne's slide show presentation explores the history, mystery, and controversy of the Crop Circle phenomena, with aerial photos and pictures taken from within the formations, as well as photos of some of her quilts

inspired by the circles.

NEWSLETTER EMAIL CHANGE!!

Please send newsletter entries to:
newsletter.nui@gmail.com

Deadline for entries is the fifteenth of the month.

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

THANK YOU.

2014-2015 Officers & Committees

President – Marty DelNevo
 VP – Connie McDonald
 Past President—Karey Young
 Secretary – Barbara Carter
 Treasurer – Adrian Garneau
 Program Co-Chairs – Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
 Membership: Carla White
 Webmaster: Marty DelNevo
 Quilt Show Chairman:
 Linda Lazarowski
 Librarian – Kim Portalupi
 Community Quilts – Gail Babinger & Carol Thurgate
 Quilt Retreat – Teela Dufresne
 Quilts of Valor Raffle – Barbara Harrison, Andre Emmell
 Photographer – Angela Miller
 Historian – Joanne Guillemette
 Storage Area – Linda Lees and Claire Graham-Smith
 Raffle Blocks – Michele Cummings, Heather Bosen & Katherine Solbert
 Info Booth – Pam Farnsworth
 Bus Trips—Jeannette Harrison
 Green Mountain Rep – Kim Portalupi
 Sunshine – Sue Rivers
 Newsletter—Esther Nui

A Talk with Gail Babbinger and Carol Thurgate about Community Quilts

Tell us the basics of what Community Quilts committee does.

Our main job is to assemble kits that people can use to make a quilt. Then we distribute the quilts to area places. We have several people who help us with the distribution.

Where do the quilts go?

They go to many area agencies including the Lund Home, Ronald MacDonald House, Birchwood, Women Helping Battered Women, the pediatric and oncology wards of the hospital, Cots, Pillsbury Manor, Hope Lodge, Respite House, and we are just going to start delivering to Our Lady of Providence residence.

How many do you deliver in a year?

It was over 200 last year. It will be many more with the fidget quilts this year.

What can guild members do to help?

We have a great need for machine quilters to help us get the tops we have finished and distributed. We always have quilt kits available to help you make a top at home. We can always use people to help us distribute the quilts.

Where do you get the supplies to make the quilts?

Much of the fabric comes from members. (See the Community Quilts article.) We do have a budget which we use to buy the batting and pay for the storage unit.

Tell us about the workshops you hold.

Periodically we have a workshop where we have stations set up so people can cut backing and batting to go with finished quilts, put fabrics and instructions together to make tops, cut and sew bindings, or sew by hand or machine. There's always something for everyone to do. We bring everything you need except for your machine.

Where can we find you at a meeting?

We are always in the lobby along with the others. Look for our red and green plaid bags!

Tell us about the fidget quilt program.

This is a new project we have started. Jane Massenas has posted a pattern on the website, and she and Sandy Hardy are working on kits for people to take home. They are very easy to put together. There's a list of "stuff" we can use in the January newsletter. Sandy will have kits at the next meetings so you can take one home to finish.

Barbara Carter

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild Minutes, January 6th 2015

President Marty del Nevo welcomed members and one guest to the meeting, and reminded members to pick up a new list of members in the lobby.

Program co chair Janet Brunet introduced the speaker, Dominique Ehrmann. She presented a review of her interesting quilts and her just as interesting quilt journey.

The minutes of the December meeting were adopted as printed on motion of Rita Bortz and Betty Packer. The next board meeting will be held on January 13th at Barbara Carter's house. A decision will be made about the date for the next quilt show. Whatever is decided, planning needs to start soon and a chair needs to be found. A discussion was held about how to involve more volunteers. Of the members present, a majority would like to have the next show in 2016. There is a need to do some general evaluation of the show situation. A new source of income may have to be found. A raffle quilt needs to be started soon. Janet Jaffe has agreed to look into new places to show the quilt and sell tickets. Connie McDonald will chair a committee to make the quilt. Others will be needed to design and make the quilt.

Carol Thurgate, co chair of community quilts told the story of the appearance of WCAX with Jane Masenas to talk about the fidget quilt program. There have been several requests for quilts, and \$250.00 has been received in donations. A workshop will be held January 23rd when Jane Masenas will help people get started on a fidget quilt. She has posted a pattern on the website. Twenty have been given out so far. Several companies have made donations of fabric. They asked for help quilting several finished tops and showed a new version of the jelly roll quilt.

The raffle blocks were won by June Sweeney. The February pattern is on the website. The Quilts of Valor raffle was won by Josie Moore. The name tag winners received patterns from Dominique. They were Leah Pastel, Marty Del Nevo, Angela Miller, Collette Kaiser, and Betty Packer.

Hope Johnson spoke about the sunflower fundraiser quilt she is organizing. Blocks are due at the February meeting. The Pierson Library in Shelburne wants to display our challenge quilts next Fall again, and the Charlotte Senior Center also wants to have quilts to show.

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter, Secretary

January Board Snippets

*****Adrian Garneau was appointed treasurer of the guild to replace June Sweeney. Thanks was expressed to June for all her great work as our treasurer.

****plans were made to have new signature cards filled out at the bank.

*****discussion was held about the budget and making members aware of expenses and income

***** Janet and Pat will provide information in the March newsletter and at the March meeting about the cost of programs and workshops

***** consensus was that the next show will be held in 2016

*****a committee will be formed to talk about the general aspects of the show. Past quilt show chairs will be asked to participate. Note this is NOT the committee to plan the next show.

Barbara Carter

Programs Search Committee

Would you like to help select speakers for upcoming programs? Would you like to know how our speakers are chosen? Then please consider joining a Programs Search Committee. Responsibilities include suggesting, researching, and selecting speakers. Meetings will be kept to a minimum. Contact Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer. Email: programs@cvqgvt.org.

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.

Please see last page for upcoming programs at a glance.

NEXT MONTH'S PRESENTERS

In September we showcased the stories and quilts of some of our guild members. The program was a great success. March's program will again focus on our members quilts and quilting stories. Teela Dufresne, Marya Lowe, and Maureen Yates, will each do a trunk show and discuss their quilting journey.

Community Quilts

The guild received many requests for fidget quilts as a result of the story WCAX did on the fidget quilt project. Thank you to Carol Thurgate and Jane Masenas for keeping up with the requests for fidget quilts during the busy holiday season.

We had a workshop on January 23rd to make more fidget quilts to replenish our supply. Thank you to all who helped cut out squares to be used in the quilts, contributed fabric and notions for the quilts and attended the workshop. Thank you to Yankee Pride for donating the space for us to make the fidget quilts.

Our shed is full to the brim with fabric, kits and other quilt supplies. We will continue to accept fabric and notions to use in our community and fidget quilts. However, we request that the donated fabric for the community quilts be fat quarter size or larger and neatly folded and labeled with the yardage. It does not need to be ironed. If you have orphan blocks you would like to donate, please put them together in a plastic bag. If you are donating fabric and notions for the fidget quilts, please separate the fabric and notions. The fabric donations should be at least 6 1/2" square. We will no longer accept bags of scraps for community quilts or fidget quilts. If the fabric, orphan blocks and notions are organized, it is easier for our committee to assemble quilt kits to hand out to members. Our goal is to keep our community supplied with quilts that can be used by those who need them.

Carol Thurgate and Gail Babinger

Community Quilts Co-chairs

February Block of the Month

Often in February we celebrate two of our Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This year our committee thought it would be fun to focus on one of our Founding Mothers, Martha Washington, by featuring a block called the Martha Washington Star. At first glance some may think this too fussy to do, but work with us here. ☺ I have tried to simplify the directions and even my first time around it took about ½ an hour to assemble. (Took me three times that long to figure out how to tell you about it!) I was really pleased with the result, which I will show you in the beginning. I will follow up with the step by step instructions. Just remember that pleasing results that come when we are careful to cut and sew precisely and on the grain when possible. We have not specified a color way but I did think it would be fun to go with the thought Soft Southern Belle colors. Maybe they will chase away some of that mid-winter drear!



My colors didn't come through very well but are soft teals.

You could use three colors like I did or you could limit it to two colors if you prefer.

Cut 4: 2 1/2" squares Background Color

Cut 1- 2 7/8" square Background Color. Cut once on the diagonal.

Cut 1: 3 1/4" square of Background Color cut on both diagonals.

Cut 4: 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangles of Background Color.

Cut 8: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares Medium Contrast color.

Draw with a pencil a diagonal line on the background of each square. Place the squares one at a time on the rectangle and sew from the lower corner to the upper middle of each rectangle. Trim the outer corner off. Press away from the Rectangle. Repeat this process on the opposite end of the rectangle. Do this four times.



For the Pinwheel:

Layout the ½ square triangles large and small in the pattern as shown. Sew the dark to the light four times and press the seam towards the dark fabric. Place them back in the layout as before. When you have done this four times, sew the two seamed triangles to the larger un-seamed triangle. Sew them in pairs and press the seams of one pair up and the seams of the other pair down. Now place the two pairs right sides together with the seams nesting and sew them together.



Final Layout:



Sew one plain square to each of the two sides of two of the Flying Geese Blocks. Sew two of the Flying Geese Blocks to the opposite sides of the center Pinwheel Block. You should now have three units that will be seamed to make the finished block which should measure 8 1/2" square.



UPCOMING CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2014-2015

For more information about our Programs, see our website www.cvqgvt.org

March 3: Member Trunk Show

April 7: Meg Cox

May 5: Debby Kratovil

June 2: Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction