



Happy Valentines Day!

Champlain Valley
Quilters' Guild



February 2010

FEBRUARY MEETING

****After much confusion, we are back to having our February meeting at the Essex Alliance Church.**

(we were notified a few weeks ago that there was a possibility we would have to change our location, but we are back to the same place, same time) sorry for the confusion

President's Address:

January and February is a great month to clean up, reorganize, and refresh your sewing studio. I also like to order seeds and plan my garden and think about the projects I want to do for the year. The board will be busy tying up loose ends from last year, and planning out the rest of the year. There are still workshops to take, community quilts to sew, ufo's to check off, quilt library books to read, and volunteer positions to sign up for. January always seems to infer "out with the old and in with the new".

In February I will have a basket at the information booth with small "fortune cookie like" inspirations. Please stop by and pick one up (or two) share and compare with your friends and be inspired. These will be like my little valentines to you all...

Bus Trip! Saturday August 21, 2010 to World Quilt and Textile Show, in Manchester, NH. This has always been an excellent show featuring the best quilts from all over the world. There are also over 100 vendors. Bus will depart MVP parking lot at 7:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$37.00 and includes the drivers gratuity. You can sign up at the February meeting or send your check to me at 53 Bacon Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482. If you have questions call me at 985-2950. Ruth Whitaker, Bus Trip Coordinator.

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**GUEST FEE If you are not a paid member of CVQG, there will be a \$5.00 guest fee to attend our meetings. Please go to the membership table to pay and receive a name badge. This will be implemented starting in March 2010. Thank you.

Quilt Show 2010

Homage to Grandmother—New Quilts from Old Favorites

The **LONG TERM PUBLICITY** position focuses on publicity from March through August, including free listings on various websites and providing show information to quilt shops and other quilting guilds. We have excellent and complete materials for this position, so it would not be difficult to learn. This position is a good fit for someone who wants flexibility, as much of the work can be done at your own convenience. Beth DeBernardi is happy to mentor a new person throughout the process. If you are interested, you are welcome to call Beth to learn more about it.

The **SHORT TERM PUBLICITY** position focuses on publicity in September and October, including free listings in various community newspapers and also arranging for paid advertisements in the Free Press, Seven Days, and Rutland Herald. Again, we have excellent materials for this position, and Alicia Cardoza will be available to mentor a new person. If you are interested, you are welcome to call Alicia to learn more.

2010 Challenge Quilt: Ruth Whitaker and Mitzi Oakes are once again in charge of this important part of the show. Remember your entry has to reflect the theme of this year's show!!!!
Mitzi

Our 2010 show planning is underway. The show will be October 30 & 31, 2010 at Shelburne Farms. We met for the first time on January 19. The following positions still need to be filled:

Long and Short-term publicity – long term starts right away! (see note on page 4)

Catalogue/brochure

Set-up – strong people to move the tables around at Shelburne Farms

Volunteers Coordinator

Reception (Friday night)

Judges Lunch

Call or email me if for more information. Our next meeting will be February 16, 6 p.m. at Yankee Pride. There was a sneak preview of the raffle quilt fabrics – looking good! Remember, every member can help by purchasing his or her assigned \$15 worth of tickets! Or more, if you wish...

Sue Rivers., 863-5042, harleysue98@myfairpoint.net





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QuiltPortUSA, the first ever quilt show in Freeport, Maine is scheduled for April 16, 17 & 18, 2010. All quilting guests staying at White Cedar Inn for the weekend (any 2 nights) will receive a fat quarter sampler as our gift. Free range quilting, shopping and dining are a short walk from the inn. FMI: www.whitecedarinn.com or call us at 1-800-853-1269 – Monica Kissane



Abnakai Spring Retreat

Dear members:

Just a short note to say that we have 23 members signed-up for camp at this time. We have not received the contract from the camp director. We have been assured that the contract should be given to us by January 18 th. Once the contract has been signed we will be able to give you the cost of camp. Hopefully the contract will arrive and we will be able to give you more retreat information at the February meeting. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thinking about the Spring Retreat sure helps with the winter blues. Would love to see you at the retreat and there are spaces available.

Sally M

Wonky Stuff! more pictures or ideas needed!

Congratulations to Colette Kaiser for guessing **January's wonky item: empty porcelain** (or plastic?) platter for holding deviled eggs, with paprika remnants

No idea what is the other item - some type of measuring device on a piece of fabric? Actually Colette you did have an idea and you were correct! Does the owner of these items recognize them. It was taken at Quilt Camp!

Collette Brosseau, Alice Bushey and Colette Kaiser...look for me in Feb. and I will give you your fat quarter! Tammie



Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild Meeting Minutes, January 4, 2010

President Joanne Guilmette opened the meeting by asking guests to introduce themselves, and introducing Roseanne Greco, a retired air force member who had brought 9 quilts she had made out of t shirts gathered during her years of service. They were on display through out the meeting.

Claire Graham Smith, co program chair introduced the speaker of the evening, Robert Shaw, a curator at Shelburne Museum. His talk and slide presentation entitled, American Quilts, the Democratic Art, was well received by the smaller than average group of members and guests.

After the break, the minutes were approved as printed on motion of Andre Emmell and Martha deMaggio.

Program co chair Janet Brunet talked about upcoming meetings. The February meeting will be talks by **two members, and a member's husband. Aileen Chutter, Andre Emmell, and Jack Lazarowski will be the speakers. This is "bring your significant other night", so those coming will have an idea of what we do at guild meetings.** (Of course you may choose NOT to bring your significant other!!) March will be mini workshops and a request was made for presenters to volunteer to present a new technique, tool or trick..

Wendy Thompson, co chair spoke for Community Quilts. She showed an example of the quilts being put together for the Lund Home 120th anniversary. 3 volunteers are working on these. Colette Kaiser was the winner of the community quilt raffle. Wendy and Shirley Fuller presented certificates and pins to 23 charity quilt angels.

Nancy Orcutt won the Stocking Raffle which was a quilted bag by Libby Dwinell and 10 fat quarters.

Andre Emmell showed the raffle block for February to be made in Spring Colors. Hope Johnson suggested the same block be made in red, white and blue for the Quilts for Valor project. Hope won the raffle blocks for January.

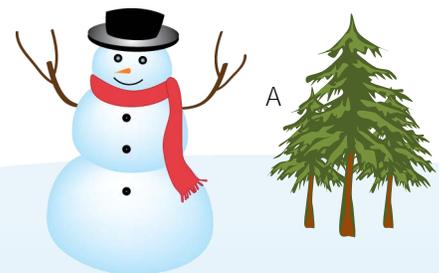
Susan Rivers, the show chair for 2010 announced the show will be held October 30th and 31st. The first show committee meeting will be held at Yankee Pride on Tuesday January 17th at 7:00 pm. Wendy Thompson and Hope Johnson are in the planning stage of the raffle quilt. We are in need of a volunteer coordinator, brochure/catalog chair, and 1 or 2 people to do publicity . She thanked all who were coming back from last year, and invited anyone else interested to come to the meeting or to contact her.

Pam Farnsworth presented the drawing for the name tag raffle, which was won by Alicia Cardoza.

Joanne made several announcements. The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 14th at 6:00 pm at Yankee Pride. Three women have volunteered to reorganize and run the tea cup auction in June. They will ask members to bring their donations to the May meeting and will organize them into collections.

Nancy Emberly, a member of the guild is the grandmother of the two boys who were killed in the Christmas Day house fire in Kentucky. Rita Bortz will be forming a nominating committee and is asking people to think about volunteering. A guild from Texas has written asking our guild to send a quilt square with information about our guild. Joanne Lattrell is handling this. The church will not be able to host us next **month....suggestions are welcome as to other venues. Joanne has made some inquiries. The change will be in the newsletter and on the website.** Colette Kaiser was the first to find the **"wonky" item in the January newsletter.**

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Brook Conger and Wendy Thompson . short but interesting Show and Tell was held.



AT the February meeting look for Quilt Shows around the country at the Information Table

Nominating Committe

A Nominating Committee needs to be formed to help Rita Bortz and Wendy Thompson look for two new Board members. We need Vice President and 1Program Chair for the coming year 2010-2011. We are in need of one person to complete our nominating committee. Please step forward. This is a very easy job, just to network with people and find possible candidates. Thank you.

Antique Sewing Machine and Tools "Expo" (April Meeting)

If you have an antique sewing machine or sewing tools that you would like to share with the guild, please bring them to the April meeting. We will have some tables set up where the vendors usually set up.

TEA CUP AUCTION This is a perfect time to start cleaning out and organizing our sewing rooms and studio's while we stare out our windows and see piles of snow. Over the past few years, several people have voiced the fact that there is "to much junk" at our tea cup auction. We have all gotten outdated, broken, ripped, or just plain junk mixed in with all the other stuff. Three women have stepped forward to collaborate and "clean up" the auction. Carol Thurgate, Diane Larabee, and Gail Babinger will be collecting items from now until May. This will allow them time to sort thru, organize and package items appropriately. They will be making each pile more presentable and appealing. Please bring items labeled "tea cup auction items" in bags or boxes or if you have baskets you would like to donate, they will accept those. Please donate only items you would like to receive or buy. Junk will be donated to goodwill or the dumpster. We will post a location near the entrance, across from the sound bouth where items can be dropped off. Our goal is to NOT have items dropped off at the June meeting. That will allow everyone a chance to sit and enjoy the pot luck meal. Any questions you can call either Carol, Diane, or Gail. Jane Banks will still coordinate with volunteers the day of the auction....

PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

**Starting in March there will be a \$5 guest fee for non-members

February 2: Member Trunk Show – Significant Other Appreciation Night

March 2: Member mini-workshops/demos

April 6-8: [Sue Nickels](#) & Antique Sewing Machine Expo Lecture - Apr 6: Machine Quilting Tips and Tricks with Sue Nickels Workshop – April 7:

Folk Garden Borders: Design and Machine Appliqué Techniques

Workshop – April 8: Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt, 1 Day Workshop

May 4: [Cathy Miller](#) (The Singing Quilter) Performance

June 1: Potluck Supper & Tea-cup Auction



Look for the following new books in February.

Charm Quilts by Susanne McNeil

Inspired to Quilt, Creative Experiments in Art Quilt Imagery by Melanie Testa

Making History Quilts and Fabric From 1890-1970 by Barbara Brackman

One Line at a Time, 24 Geometric Machine Quilting Designs Made Easy

Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts by RaNae Merrill

Joanne Lattrell



I'll have stocking and gift bag kits available starting with the February meeting. We have many kits ready for sewing thanks to Teela's efforts. Please see me before the meeting or during the break to pick up a kit.

Donna K Johnson



We are doing really well so far raising money for the stocking fillers, but after seeing all those lovely items that went into all those stockings and bags, I realize how important this project is. A huge thank you to Ruth Whitaker for not only making a table runner and filling a basket, but for also bringing her lovely granddaughter Emily to help sell tickets at the December meeting. Also, thank you to Libby Dwinell for her donation of a tote bag for the January meeting.

Now...for February. We will attempt to banish the winter blahs with a Quilter's Goodie Bag. We have lots of treats for quilters....come and take a look. The tickets will be available before the meeting and during the break, and the draw will be in the business part of the meeting. Good Luck!! Barbara Carter



Hope Lodge provides temporary housing to cancer patients and their caregivers who must travel long distances for treatment.

The lodge is located near Fletcher Allen hospital on East Avenue in Burlington. The Guild has supported Hope Lodge with donations of beautiful quilts that are appreciated by both staff and patients using the facility. This June 24, the American Cancer Society will be conducting a fundraiser for Hope Lodge in the form of a localvore dinner with an auction. I am looking for items and /or activities for the auction anything from large quilts to auction, wall hangings, gift certificates to either events or activities (for example, spend the day quilting with....) for the auction, and for use as door prizes. Please contact me at 899-3043 if you are interested in donating an item, or know of a business that might be interested in supporting this fundraiser for Hope Lodge. I need to have all items in hand no later than April 10th.

Donna K Johnson

Community Quilts

Last month we gave out our Quilt Angel certificates and pins. A lot of you Angels were not present. Please stop by our table to check on it - I will have the certificates etc. with me and will try to connect with as many people as we can.

Quilt kits of all kinds will be available. New this year are Premie quilt kits to be quilted. They are approx. the size of a fat quarter so are excellent projects for your regular machine and also good for learners!

Looking ahead : March 6th is the date for the next workshop! Mark your calendars.

Site Committee

We would like to get 1-2 people to form a committee on looking into possible new sites to hold our meetings. We would like to just see what other options we have, we are not moving our location, we just want to check into other facilities and what they cost and have to offer. Please contact Joanne or other board members if you are interested in this. It would basically involve making a lot of phone calls.

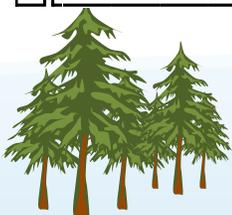
Quilting Tip of the Month

Leah Day, a young quilter has a blog where she is creating 365 quilt designs over a years time. She is now up to 100+ designs. You can't help but be inspired. So check out her videos and blog <http://www.freemotionquilting.blogspot.com>.

For people interested in **landscape quilts and thread painting** check out Shirley Paterson's a Canadian Quilter's blog and Yahoo site <http://shirl-oneofakindfiberarts.blogspot.com>,

Yahoo group **learningfa**. Shirley has been very generous with her free classes.

Happy Quilting, Joanne Lattrell





March Raffle Block

March Raffle Block – “Funky Flannel Fir Tree”

Due: March 2, 2010

Inspiration: This is a block of my own design, paper pieced, because that is how I think. I have chosen flannel fabrics for this project because March is a chilly month and needs to be honored as such.

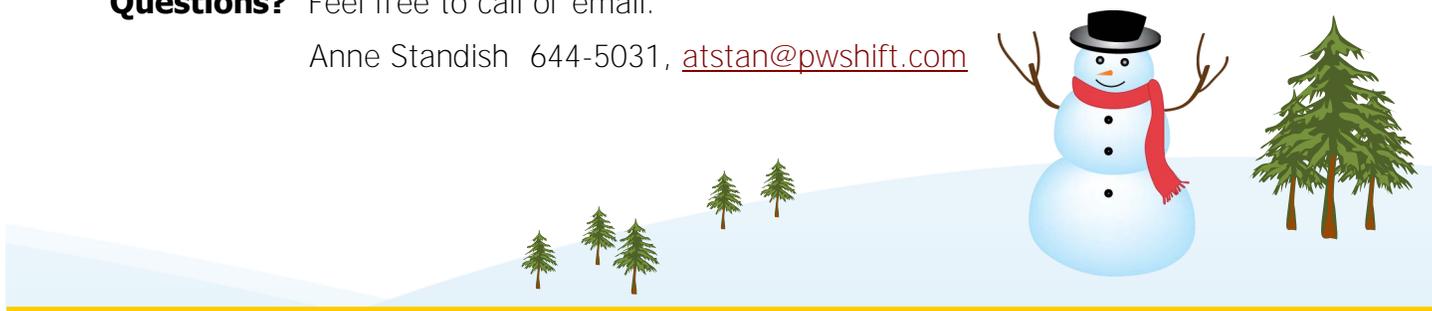
Size: 7 ½” by 7 ½” unfinished.

Colors: Tans, browns, and greens. Choose 100% **cotton flannel** for this block. Plaids would be nice, and can contain other colors, but the predominant colors should be tan, brown, and green.

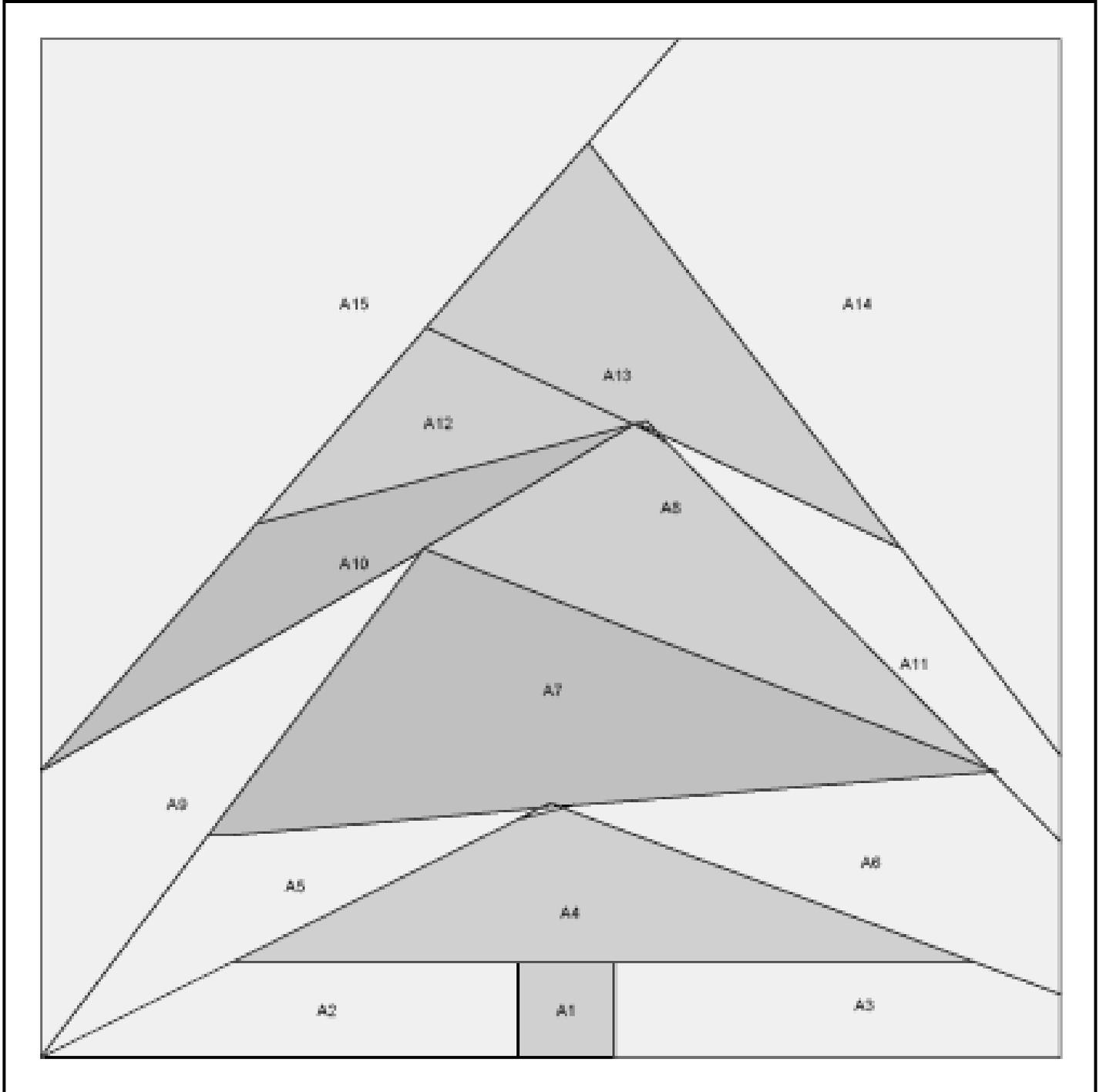
Sewing Instructions: Print out the paper templates as included in PDF format here (or found separately under block of the month on the web site.). Make sure your printout measures 7 by 7 inches (excluding seam allowance). Follow the shading to correspond to the color illustration, so that all shaded areas are a variety of greens except for the trunk.. Note that the pattern is the mirror image of the colored illustration. Please remove the paper from the finished block.

Questions? Feel free to call or email.

Anne Standish 644-5031, atstan@pwshift.com



Funky Flannel Fir Tree



CVQG Programs 2009-2010

Information about lectures and workshops can also be found at the Programs table at the meeting or on our website: <http://cvqgvt.org/>. Janet Brunet & Claire Graham Smith (Programs co-chairs, programs@cvqgvt.org)

February 2, 2010: Member Trunk Show – Significant Other Appreciation Night (In case of cancellation due to weather, this program will be moved to the March meeting.)

This evening we want to take the opportunity to recognize those significant others in our lives who support us in our passion for quilting – from tolerating/encouraging our shopping habits to helping out with projects such as the quilt show. We invite these important persons to join us for this special program. So **Bring Your Other (or don't), welcome our guests, and enjoy our speakers:**

Aileen Chutter : My interest in quilting began with a love for fabric. I grew up in Wash. D.C when we had wonderful department stores with international fabric collections. Like many quilters I also grew up sewing and continued to sew for three daughters and some for two sons. I lived across from the Shelburne Museum at one time and used to take my young children in a stroller to walk the grounds which gave me a chance to see the quilts. The first quilting book I used was written by Margaret Ickes and I learned from her and by making mistakes. All of my children were in school about the time of the bi-centennial and that is when I became serious about quilting. While I lived in Texas I worked at a quilt store and had a chance to visit the Houston Quilt Festival and when I moved to PA I helped to start a quilt guild. My favorite quilts are traditional, using red, blue or green, appliqué with lots of hand quilting

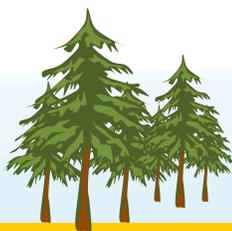
Andre Emmel: I have been sewing since I was a teenager. When I was in the Navy I altered uniforms to pay for my first sewing machine. When I got married I even went so far as to make a couple gowns for my wife for parties we had to attend. Our two son's first suits we made from black and red corduroy material short pants and collarless jacket. I think it was quit the rage back then. I got into wood working after retiring from the service in the late seventies. And graduated to quilting just a little over 16 years ago when we found out that our son and his wife we going to have twins. I will be showing you some of the quilts I have made over the years to show how I have progressed from the start to now. I hope to make it fun and entertaining

Jack Lazarowski: husband of guild member, Linda, has been a great help at past quilt shows. At our 2008 quilt show many of you were entertained by his humorous talk on what it's like to be a quilter's husband. Jack has a BA in Industrial Design from Rhode Island School of Design and a Masters in Education from Antioch. He has 35 years of art, design and education experience in Vermont.

March 2, 2010: Mini-workshops/Demos (Non-member fee: \$5)

In case of cancellation due to weather, this program will be moved to Tuesday, March 9.

A fun filled evening where a number of guild members will demonstrate quilting tools and techniques. Look for a description of the mini-workshops in the March newsletter.



April 6-8, 2010: Sue Nickels (Non-member fee: \$5)

Sue has been quilting for 28 years, starting by hand and gradually focusing on machine work. She has been teaching machine techniques for the past 18 years. Sue has taught and lectured nationally for shops, guilds and major conferences, including AQS, IQA, NOA and VQF. She has also taught interna-



tionally in England, Norway and Spain. Sue's major awards include 1998 AQS Best of Show for "The Beatles Quilt" made by Sue and her sister, Pat Holly. Sue and Pat's "Tea at Tenby" pictured here won two more awards this spring! At The Quilter's Heritage Show in Lancaster, PA it won the Best Workmanship Award. In Paducah at the American Quilter's Society 25th Anniversary Show, a 1st place in Bed Quilts on the Home Sewing Machine was

awarded. Sue's priority in the workshops she teaches is to provide a relaxed environment for students to learn machine techniques that are timesaving. Sue emphasizes the best quality workmanship, never compromising quality for speed. <http://www.sue-nickels.com/>

Lecture – April 6: Machine Quilting Tips and Tricks with Sue Nickels

Workshop (1 Day- Wed, April 7)

Folk Garden Borders: Machine Appliqué Techniques
(Advanced Beginner/Intermediate)

Time: 9:00-3:30 Cost: \$40

Location: United Church of Colchester, 900 Main St., Colchester

In this all day workshop, learn Sue's Stitched Raw Edge appliqué technique while creating a folk garden border from Sue's Quilt "Blue Tulips on Pink Skies". Nineteenth century folk art quilts were the influence for this completely machine made quilt.

Learn all the details of the technique including bias stems, points and circles. Make your quilts spectacular by adding beautiful appliqué borders. Project can be the start

of the quilt or can be made into a small runner... Sue will also include a discussion on how she designs the borders.



Workshop (1 Day- Thurs, April 8)

Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate)

Time: 9:00-3:30 Cost: \$40

Location: United Church of Colchester, 900 Main St., Colchester

In this workshop explore the options for quilting the appliqué quilt. Outline, echo quilting and designs to enhance this quilt type will be explored. Stipple quilting for the background areas will be covered as well as other interesting options. Also, see what can be added within the appliqué shapes to enhance the quilt. Surface embellishments will be introduced to add interest and texture to the quilt. Students will work on two practice appliqué blocks to learn these techniques. If you love appliqué and have always wanted advice on how to quilt your quilt, this is a perfect workshop for you. [1-Day Supply List ...](#) Students can also bring appliqué quilt tops for discussion on how to quilt them.



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Sat. Feb. 20: 20% off blue fabric
Sat. Feb. 27: 20% off one notion

Spring 2010 Mystery Quilt Update

Wall hanging: \$12.00
Throw: \$15.00
Queen: \$19.00
Signup deadline is Feb. 27

New at Yankee Pride

*Civil War VII from Windham
*Nature's Notebook from Moda
*Pinwheel Stars from Timeless Treasures
*Boutique from Moda
*Bali Pops from Hoffman
*New shipments of charm packs,
layer cakes & jelly rolls!

February Classes

Pinwheels Baby Quilt
Paducah 9-Patch
Punchneedle
Biscuit Basket

Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild – Spring Workshop Registration

Sue Nickels

Name _____ Check # _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

- Wed, April 7 Folk Garden Borders \$40
 Thurs, April 8 Machine Quilting the Appliqué Quilt \$40

Location (both workshops) United Church of Colchester, 900 Main St, Colchester

Time (both workshops) 9:00 – 3:30 (setup 8:30)

Member Non-member (Non-members will be put on the wait list, first-come first-served, and will be notified of any openings on March 3.)

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 mail to: Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446

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.*