President's Address

Happy New Year!!

As I’m writing this, my Christmas decorating, wrapping, and baking are in full swing along with desperately making some last minute gifts for special friends.

Many of us will have breathed a sigh of relief that our gifts were loved, wrapping paper recycled, leftovers put away, and we're finally able to sit with a cup of coffee or tea to read this newsletter.

New Year’s is almost like September for me… a clean slate, a new beginning. Do you feel the same? Do you make any resolutions for the New Year? Do they last longer than 2 months?! Ha! Ha! I have made a resolution to complete all of my UFOs before starting anything new. I have quite a few to complete thanks to several classes that I’ve taken over the past 2 to 3 years! Maybe we can help each other over the next few months and bring our completed UFOs to Show and Tell. We’ll be motivated to keep going by seeing what we’ve all be working on.

Our January meeting will showcase someone we all know, June Bugbee. June will be talking about a topic I love, quilt history and the stories of quilters who came before us.

I look forward to seeing you all on January 7! In the meantime, I’d like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you had the opportunity to spend time with loved ones as well as time for yourself to nourish your own soul.

Sincerely, Marty DelNevo, CVQG President

January 7, 2014 June Bugbee presents Conversations in Cloth

In her lecture, June welcomes us to a hands on walk through quilt history. Listen to our fore-sisters who stitched away through laughter and tears as they lived their lives. Sound familiar? Explore the many quilt origins - from England, Holland, and France. Discover how our fore-sisters brought us not only their quilts, but their colorful heritages. Enjoy their stories. Touch the quilts and know that they, like us, felt the need to create as a way to mark their walk in time.

June Bugbee, former owner of "Sew Many Treasures," where the staff was known for their helpfulness and sense of color design, has loved her time exploring the many fabrics that they carried in the shop. Married and mother of three, June has a degree from New York school of Interior Design as well as a BA in English Literature. Now, just one credit shy from becoming a national APQS quilt appraiser, June says quilting gently feeds the desire of the heart!
Library Corner

At January’s meeting, we will be featuring books related to our guest speaker, June Bugbee. We will be bringing books related to vintage quilts and quilt history, as well as books related to ethnic quilting styles. Another new addition to our library are patterns! We have added a small number of quilt patterns that will be available for borrowing — of course, any pattern templates must be traced or copied, rather than cut. If you have any patterns that are in very good to good-as-new condition that you would like to donate to the pattern lending library, please contact one of us. We look forward to trying this new idea!

Thanks! Kat Salemno (goalekat@gmail.com) and Jenny Russell (jqrussell@gmail.com)

SHARING CORNER:

From Gretchen Paulsen: Selling Beautiful Janome Memory Craft 8200 QC, less than 7 months old, in original box. There is an amazing 11" throat space to the right of the needle to accommodate your quilts. The LCD touchscreen computerized system comes with 120 stitches, 1 alphabet, 7 button holes, 14 presser feet, free arm, auto threader, auto thread clipper, needle up/down position button, speed control, darning foot, convertible free motion quilting foot with 3 attachments - closed toe, open toe and clear view foot, etc. $2800. Contact: Gretchen 434-4541.

From Karen Abramovich: Longarm Machine Quilting Services by Karen Abrahamovich Notice: after quilting part time since 2005 I will be a FULL TIME quilter in 2014! To celebrate I am offering a 10% discount on any quilt dropped off in January or February (one quilt per customer will receive the discount). I offer personalized service: Custom or All Over quilting, Free Motion and now also offering computer-assisted quilting of digitized designs
Call me at 802-878-6526 or email me at kmabra@aol.com to discuss your quilting needs!

Featured Board Members – Jenny Russell and Kat Salemno.

Jenny learned to sew at an early age in 4H Club in New Hampshire, where she grew up. Jenny is happily married and has two children – Dan and Kat (the other librarian!), and two grandchildren. Kat is married and lives with her husband and their two rambunctious dogs. Since Jenny taught Kat how to sew, they have made numerous quilts and sewn projects, both together and separately.

They have created many gifts, from baby quilts for expectant friends and family, to comfort quilts for friends and family going through tough times. Jenny has won ribbons at VQF and CVQG shows, and Kat has won ribbons at the CVQG show. Kat has also entered the Sew Batik Challenge at VQF twice.

They both love working with rich batiks and experimenting with a variety of piecing and quilting techniques. In 2013, they took classes by Ann Standish (on raw-edge collage) and Elin Waterston (on Shibori dyeing), and have loved putting their new knowledge to work! They both take inspiration from travel, from nature, and from family.
COMMUNITY QUILTS

THE SEASON OF GIVING
While the official holiday for giving thanks has past, there has never been a better time to convey our heartfelt gratitude to you who have been so generous with your time and efforts. This holiday season we will donate almost 100 quilts to brighten the lives of individuals in our communities. Currently recipients include Women Helping Battered Women, The Visiting Nurses Association, Dismas House, Vermont Respite House and Camp Ta Kum Ta. (A complete list will be included in next month’s newsletter.)

Here is an excerpt from a note received from a volunteer on behalf of a summer camp for children battling cancer.

...I just returned from Yankee Pride and picked up the quilts your group donated to Camp Ta Kum Ta. They are fabulous. This morning I was talking on the phone to my grandson in Maine. (He is 5) and he said that he had talked to the real Santa and told him what he wanted. Well, I think I have just met the real Santa also. Thank you so much for your efforts...

Mary P.

As always, but especially now, thank you so very much for all you do.

FABRIC CUTTER(s) AND QUILTER(s) SOUGHT TO MAKE LOG CABIN QUILT(s)
We’ve received a large donation of plaid flannel fabric in odd shapes and assorted colors too nice to discard. We’re looking for someone to cut it into strips so that we can transform said scraps into a cozy log cabin quilt or two. If interested, please let us know.

SCRAPS ANYONE?
In our continuing efforts to be “green” we’re looking to unload scraps—the inevitable result of our charitable quilting efforts. Audrey Moore, Barbara Forauer and Joanne Guillemette, those wonderful tireless women who churn out countless kitty and dog beds for local humane societies, are on hiatus for the holidays and so we’re eager and happy to give our scrap stash to someone (anyone!) who will put them to good use.

NEXT COMMUNITY QUILTS WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 1st 2014, Essex Alliance Church (Fellowship Hall), 9am-3pm. More details coming soon.

We welcome your suggestions and feedback. Please contact Janet Jaffe at 878-2344 or janetEjaffe@gmail.com.
Programs Search Committee
Do you have a favorite technique that you would like to share with the guild? We are looking for folks to volunteer to give demos before guild meetings and at break time. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Program co-chairs, Janet Brunet or Pat Hechmer, programs@cvqgvt.org.

Tuesday February 4, 2014: Nancy Graham (New Hampshire)
http://www.fiberbird.blogspot.com/

Tuesday February 4, 2014 Lecture/Demo – Surface Design Techniques
Nancy specializes in fabric stamping using common household and found objects. Nancy will lecture and do a brief demo on leaf printing. She will bring several art quilts that showcase a variety of her textile design techniques. The quilts are comprised of fabrics that she has hand dyed, batiked, stamped & printed, stenciled etc. She creates her own stamps and printing tools using very simple supplies & found objects. Nancy will have lots of these on hand and will discuss how you can use them to make your own unique fabrics.

Wednesday February 5, 2014 Workshop - Stamping and Printing Techniques
Nancy Graham will offer a workshop on fabric stamping and printing techniques. She will share "Tons of time-tested, tried & true, terrific textile tips & techniques for the timid, trepidatious & truly terrified".

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Cost: $40
Location: Essex United Methodist Church              119 Center Road (Route 15) Essex

March 2014    Anne Standish (Vermont)  http://annestandish.com/

March 4 Lecture - From Photo to Quilt - The Journey and The Process
Anne has been a CVQG member since 2006. She will describe the details of her quilting journey from the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, to the Mennonites in central Pennsylvania, to her 2005 bicycle ride across the US, to the mountains and river flats of her hometown, Cambridge, Vermont.

Anne admits that Guild members "have seen ALL my quilts over the years, so this will not be a trunk show." This lecture will be about what makes a good (and bad) photo for a quilt, translating that photo into a good quilt design, the process of puzzling out construction (best done from the seat of a bicycle), and then finding the time to GET IT DONE!
March 8 Workshop - Threadpainting

This introductory workshop is designed to give participants the skills to thread paint a raw edge fabric collage. Dense or loose free motion machine stitching can greatly enhance a collage with texture and color. This step is done prior to making the quilt sandwich and stitching through all three layers. I take the “anything goes, there are no rules” approach to thread painting. I will base my teaching on the interests and skill level of the group. Free motion technique, tools and tricks, thread types, shading, double needle technique, fillers, doodling and scribbling will be included. Participants will practice on a stabilized piece of muslin, a printed fabric with a large design, or a fabric collage prepared from my Raw Edge Collage Landscape Quilt Design class.

Time  9:00 am – 3:30 pm  Cost  $30
Location United Church of Colchester  Kit fee  None
NO YANKEE PRIDE AD THIS MONTH