PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
A new year and a new decade. Somehow we all managed to muddle through 2019, with the joys and sorrows that each year brings. 2020 brings a heightened sense of urgency for me, and for now, a good dose of hope. May we witness the good results of a sensible electorate in a fair and untampered election, steps towards a cooler and more peaceful planet, and affordable health care for all of us. Until then, stitch on quilters, stitch on. It keeps us all grounded. Happy New Year.

Anne Standish

JANUARY 7 MEETING: MINI WORKSHOPS IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT!
Start the new year off right by learning some new techniques and tips from some of our talented guild members. We will use the large screen so everyone will be able to see each of the demonstrations.
Watch and learn:
Anne Standish will give a demo on mitered facing
Joann Lattrell will have a presentation on quilt binding using Sharon Schamber's method
Noël Patoine will give us some pointers on stippling

FEBRUARY 4 MEETING:
Ruth Whitaker will give a great presentation on pressing.
Sue McGuire will show us how to make a flanged binding
Carol Bloomhardt has a special surprise!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF THESE INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE TALKS!

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR RAFFLE & CHALLENGE BLOCKS ON FEBRUARY 4!
Four quilts donated to the Ronald MacDonald House by Jane Henley-Stone

The quilt pictured on the left was donated to a 90-year-old woman in Saint Albans as a comfort quilt.

The above quilt was made by Sandi Hardy and quilted by Sandi and Jane Henley-Stone. It was donated to a recipient of the Underhill/Jericho Meal Outreach program.

In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences to the family and many friends of Nancy Orcutt, long time guild member and constant volunteer.

Nancy passed away at her home on November 27, 2019 after a long illness.
Disappearing 9-patch—see December’s newsletter for complete directions. Bring to the February meeting!

**New in the Library:** dvds and book from Lisa Calle

**December Block of the Month—Making the Holidays Brighter at UVM Medical Center**

There were 153 pillowcases collected at our December 2019 meeting for people who will be spending time in the hospital.

Exceeded our goal of 100- congratulations everyone!

Another picture will soon be posted on the Hospital facebook page (not certain which one- probably connected with the children’s miracle network).

*Barbara Newman, Block of the month*

**Membership**

Now that the membership list has been distributed and we’re thinking of who to invite to guild with our guest passes, I thought it was worth thinking about the benefits we give ourselves through quilting. A quick google search found a Seams And Scissors article about the four health benefits of this craft of ours.

Quilting helps us:

- unplug from the modern world,
- improve our brains by playing with color and geometry,
- relieve stress by with the physical act of quilting, and
- provide a community for ourselves and other quilters.

While you enjoy time with friends and family this holiday season, know that the membership committee is so appreciative to be part of a craft and a guild with so much to offer to all.

*Catherine Symchych and Linda Park*
Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 1 through December 5, 2019

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RAFFLE QUILT GOES HOME
Evelyn Loeb of Albany, New York is the lucky winner of our 2019 raffle quilt “Indigo Stars” and her daughter who lives in Essex Junction will deliver it to her in January. We sold 2,356 tickets, raising $2,588.00. This is 99.54% of our goal of $2,600. Good job, everyone!

President Anne Standish draws the winning ticket!

December Show & Tell

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Lobby Lights for Vermont Quilt Festival

We have about 10 quilts so far and I would like about 8 more. A few folks have more than one to offer but I want to highlight as many different quilters as possible. Remember, these quilts are displayed way up near the ceiling! Modern looking and graphic quilts will read well from a distance. Send to Claire@burlingtontelecom.net

Claire Graham-Smith

Sew-ins—Community Quilts

The Community Quilts Committee of the Champlain Valley Quilt Guild of Vermont will be hosting several Sew Ins to construct quilts, placemats and pillowcases for donation to local charities. While this is not a class in basic quilting we do encourage all levels of quilters to join us in cutting, ironing, piecing, basting and quilting our projects. Fabric kits and batting will be provided but you are welcomed and thanked to bring your own donations as well. We ask that you bring your own sewing machine if you are able but suggest we have plenty of other tasks and possibly extra machines if you are unable. We can also can help you bring in your machine from your car if you need help with carrying it. A light lunch of pizza and snacks will be provided but please feel free to bring food for yourself and others. We look forward to seeing you from 10-2 at the following locations:

1/18 at St. Judes In Hinesburg
2/1 at Trinity in Shelburne
3/21 at Essex Alliance
4/25 at Trinity in Shelburne

Please contact Noël Patoine with any questions at noel.patoine@gmail.com

Quilts for Habitat

A new Habitat House was dedicated in December in Milton. The Hopkins family received quilts from Community Quilts brought by Rita Bortz and Caroline Juneau.

Photos by Caroline Juneau
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD OF VERMONT DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2019—7:00 PM

Anne Standish, President called to order
-reminded everyone to buy raffle tickets for our quilt that will be raffles off today

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet and fellowship

Business Meeting 8:00 PM

Next Year’s Raffle Quilt:
The board thinks it might be interesting to change the raffle quilt up for next year. It might be nice to do two juvenile twin size quilts instead of the large one. Anne would like someone or a group of someones to head this up. If someone would like to head it up and still wants to do a large one that is fine. This person chooses the pattern and fabric. The guild offers plenty of help and it is usually constructed at Yankee Pride. This needs to be finished the 3rd Saturday in March.

Block of the Month: Barb Newman and Carol Bloomhardt
-we turned in 153 pillow cases for the patients staying in the hospital over Christmas-thank you to everyone for their participation
-the January block of the month is a disappearing nine patch and the challenging one is a disappearing hourglass. Directions are in the Newsletter and on the website

Community Quilts: Noël Patoine
-Noël said we have received several thank you notes from people
-Catherine Symchych made a lovely quilt using orphan blocks from the shed

Membership: Catherine Symchych and Linda Parks
-Membership lists are ready and they had some hard copies; it was agreed that they would send out a file in PDF format to all the members
-to increase membership everyone received a bookmark with guild information on the front and an invitation on the back to bring someone to a meeting and waiving the $10 fee
-There are some bookmarks available without the invitations to have in case a need arises
-Name tag raffle winner: Anne Standish
-December birthdays received their treat

Programs: Caroline Juneau & Barb Newman-
-January and February meetings will be mini workshops. Each workshop will be set up with the viewing screen so everyone can see each workshop

2020 Quilt Show: Joann Frymire
-our show theme is Wings of Joy
-our next meeting is the third Tuesday in January at Yankee Pride at 5:57 PM

Lobby Lights-Claire Graham-Smith
-we need 18 to 20 large quilts to be suspended in the lobby at VQF.
-best if the pattern is easily visible from a distance
-would like to know what quilts we will be using by early February. Email Claire with a picture if you have a quilt that you would like to have displayed

Raffle Quilt: Sue Rivers
Winner of 2019 Raffle Quilt is Evelyn Loeb. Anne agreed to contact her and get the quilt to her.

Everyone had fun playing the right, left, and center game

Adjourned to Show and Tell: 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted by
Joann Frymire
Next Meeting—January 7—remember to bring:
Nametag
Show and Tell
Notebook & pencil—take notes during the mini-workshops!