President’s Letter

Well, my two years as President has come to an end! The time has flown by and I have been happy to represent all of the wonderful people who make up our guild. Thank you for giving me the honor of doing so!

June’s meeting is always a fun one with our potluck and Teacup Auction. Remember that we start earlier. Dinner will start at 6. Arrive between 5 and 5:30 to help set up either the dining hall or the Teacup Auction. Your help is needed for both! Bring along an appetizer, savory dish, or a dessert to share with everyone. Coffee and tea will be provided along with paper plates, utensils, cups, etc.

June is also an important business meeting since we need to vote on our budget for next year as well as vote for our slate of officers; so don’t leave early!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to fill board and committee positions. Connie McDonald still has a couple of openings so please contact her or see her at the June meeting if you are interested. Program interns are key positions we would like to fill so that we can have a smooth turnover.

Currently, the officers we’ll be voting on are: Connie McDonald for President; Pat Marmillion for Vice President, Adrian Garneau for Treasurer; Barbara Carter for Secretary, and Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer for Program Chairs. The outgoing president also serves on the Board for one year. These positions are not closed. If there are any Guild members who would like to run for any of these positions, please let Connie know or have someone nominate you from the floor at the June meeting.

Thank you all for your support these past two years. Serving as President has certainly been a wonderful and fun opportunity!

Marty DelNevo, CVQG President

Donations for Teacup Auction

Members may bring their donations for the Auction to the Auditorium door starting at 5pm. This year, to simplify the set up and display, we would like to ask for donations to be packaged in a ‘gifty’ manner, similar to how Raffle Baskets are built for the show’s auction. Attractively packaged donations will add appeal to this fundraiser. Suggestion: get together with some of your quilting friends to sort and package your collective donations into several attractive groupings, each ready to be displayed for auction. Donors, please try to provide at least one pre-assembled grouping ready for display, along with other miscellaneous donations. Thanks!!

For guidelines see page 2.

Pat M, Colette K, Leah P, Mary H, Robin D
GUIDELINES FOR TEACUP AUCTION DONATIONS
Donations should be clean and in good condition. Anything remotely related to quilting, sewing or any other fiber arts is appreciated. Items can include fabric, sewing notions, books, sewing machines, rulers, storage bins, UFO blocks or tops, novelty items such as cups, mugs, etc.
Please DO NOT donate small pieces of fabrics or batting, broken items, items that are incomplete, musty or dirty, or not in working order, etc. Items such as these will remain the ownership of the donor.

TEACUP AUCTION TICKETS:
Tickets for the Auction will be sold in the lobby. $5 will buy a sheet of 26 raffle tickets. Members can buy as many tickets as they’d like and bid on items by dropping tickets into the bag in front of the item. The Auction will be set up in the main Auditorium and there will be plenty of time to browse and bid before we start the Auction.

Volunteers: We could use a few more people to help set up starting at 5pm, please get in touch with Pat Marmillion, just send her an email pmarmill@yahoo.com

Example of how your donation can be wrapped and presented for the auction.

Reach for the stars! 2015 Guild challenge!

Variable Star, Hunter Star, Texas Star, Lucky Star—the list goes on and on.

Well, for the challenge this year, your entry must show a star or stars. Traditional, modern, artsy—the sky’s the limit -- no pun intended!!

The Rules:
1. A star or stars in the design
2. Perimeter not to exceed 144"
3. A 3”x5” index card attached to bottom right corner with a brief description of your quilt
4. Quilts to be displayed at the October guild meeting when members will vote for their favorite

The Shelburne town library would like to display the quilts during October and November and the Charlotte Senior Center during December and January. Having your quilt displayed is optional; however, this seems to be a good way to showcase our work and promote the guild.
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee reports that the following will be our officers and committee chairs for the 2015-2016 guild.

President- Connie McDonald
Vice President - Pat Marmillion
Secretary - Barbara Carter
Treasurer - Adrian Garneau
Program - Janet Brunet & Pat Hechmer
Program Interns - *still in need of two people to step forward*
Community Quilts - Gail Babinger and Carol Thurgate
Historian - Joanne Guillemette
Membership - Carla White
Quilts of Valor - Andre Emmell
Quilts of Valor Raffle - Hope Johnson and Joanne Guillemette
Raffle Blocks - Michele Cummings
Photographer - Linda Lane
Guild PR Coordinator - Heather Bosen
Newsletter - Esther Nui
Hospitality - Ruth Whitaker, Barbara Harrison, Kathy Kenney
Spring/Fall Camp Retreat - Teela Dufresne
Bus Trips - Jeannette Harrison
Library - Pam Farnsworth and Leah Pastel
Webmaster - Marty DelNevo
Sunshine - Susan Rivers
Info Booth - *still in need of someone to step forward*

Raffle Quilt at the Fair

Our 2015 raffle quilt, Midnight Square Dance, will be our major fund-raiser this year. Sign up now to sell raffle tickets at the Champlain Valley Fair. You get free parking and admission to the fair (a $17 value!) and the rest of the day/ evening at the fair! This year, the dates are August 28—September 6. I will have the schedule at the June meeting. You can call me at 863-5042 or email harleysue98@myfairpoint.net. Please be sure to sign your email with both first and last name. Thank you!

Susan Rivers

ps—we ask each guild member to purchase/sell 3 books of tickets @ $5 per book of 6. Your 2015 tickets will be available at the Raffle Quilt table at the June meeting as well as the September-December meetings. The winning ticket will be drawn at the December 1 guild meeting
Champlain Valley Quilt Guild Minutes  May 5th, 2015

Marty del Nevo, president, welcomed members and guests. Connie MacDonald, president elect presented a list of those willing to serve on the board and work as committee chairs for the next guild year. The tea cup auction and potluck dinner will be held in June with Sarah Page as auctioneer. Ruth Whitaker reminded members of the challenge quilt guidelines. These can also be found on the website. Several venues will display them in the fall and winter. The due date is the October meeting. Teela Dufresne informed us that the Spring quilt retreat was cancelled due to water problems at Camp Abnaki. Carol Thurgate and Gail Babinger displayed a quilt that is being donated as a fund raiser raffle for the Summit Street playground renovations in Essex.

Program co chair, Janet Brunet, introduced our speaker, Debbie Kratovil, who showed many quilts and talked about her paper piecing methods.

The rest of the business was conducted after the break. Adrian Garneau, Treasurer presented the budget for next year which includes a raise in the dues to $35.00 and several cost cutting suggestions. Members will vote on the budget in June. The April meeting minutes were approved on a motion of Andre Emmell and Hope Johnson. Jeanette Harrison announced her willingness to organize a trip to Manchester in August for those interested. Information will be on the website. Andre Emmell has 7 to 10 Quilts of Valor finished and about 35 more to finish. Next year, he is willing to teach people to use his long arm machine. Marty announced the Green Mountain Guild Spring meeting will be May 15th in Barre. Pat Hechmer, program co chair said Pam Druhen will be coming to speak in October. Two workshops are being considered and she asked for a show of hands from those who would consider attending.

The Quilts of Valor raffle fat quarters were won by Adrian Garneau, Sarah Page, and Lynn Hoffelt. The name tag raffle was won by Carol McCrae. Heather Bosen showed bags handed in for donation. The raffle block will return in September. Hope Johnson showed the sunflower quilt and thanked members for their help, with special thanks to Alexandra Nickerson, Jeanette Harrison won the raffle for “bee items.”

The meeting was adjourned for Show and Tell.

Barbara Carter

THANK YOU NOTE FROM VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

After the March Board meeting, a check was sent to VQF as a donation and the following thank you has been received.

Please thank the guild for the wonderful contribution to VQF once again. It means a lot when a guild of our local friends gives what it can to the Festival. It is a very special gift.

We are incredibly grateful that members the Champlain Valley Guild give a great deal of their time to the show as well! Thank you for your donation, your time, and everything else you do for the Vermont Quilt Festival!

Pat Nowlan, Show Coordinator, Vermont Quilt Festival

11 Pearl Street, Suite 205
Essex Junction, VT 05452
To Sally McIntyre and family on the death of her husband, Larry McIntyre, on April 23, 2015.

Also to June Sweeney and family on the recent passing of her mother Yvonne M. Bartlett, who died on April 29, 2015.

Sue Rivers

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**Proposed Bus trip to the Mancuso Quilt Show in Manchester, NH**

We would like to plan another bus trip to the Mancuso Quilt Show in Manchester, NH on Saturday, August 15th.

As in previous years, the bus will leave Knight Lane in Williston at 7:00AM with additional pick-ups at the Richmond Ride (Exit 11) and the Barre Park and Ride (near the Berlin Mall). We will stop on the way at McDonalds in White River Junction for breakfast and coffee.

We were not able to fill a bus last year, so we think that it would be a good idea if we have at least 35 persons to participate before we make our bus reservation. Our cost in the past was $42.50 per person for the bus, and the entry price to the show is still $10.00 per person for groups over 20.

In the event that we cannot fill the 50-person bus, we might be able to arrange to rent a couple of 8-person vans to go to the show. A group of us did that last year and the cost per person was around $45-$50.

If you are interested in participating in this trip by bus or van, please contact Jeannette Harrison, by June 30th at sspdy@aol.com or by telephone 871-5025.

Jeannette Harrison

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**THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILTER’S GUILD**

**WISHES ALL OUR MEMBERS**

**A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

**SEE YOU IN THE FALL!**
PROGRAMS COMING THIS FALL!

We are excited to have two very special Fall speakers. Jacquie Gering will be joining us in October for a lecture and two workshops – one on design, one on quilting. Jacquie is a leader in the modern quilt movement. She is on the Board of Directors of the Modern Quilt Guild and co-author of Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts. Anticipating a high demand for her workshops, we are encouraging guild members to register by July 1. After that date, we will open registration to non-members. Check out Jacquie’s blog - http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.com

Jo Diggs will be joining us in November. Jo’s work has been exhibited nationally and internationally since the 1960s, and was featured at the Vermont Quilt Festival in June 2013 in an exhibit of 50+ works titled “Life’s Work: The Quilts of Jo Diggs”. She is best known for her hand-stitched appliquéd landscapes. Jo has told us this may be her last traveling lecture and workshop. Stay tuned for details on her lecture and workshop. Check out Jo’s website - http://jodiggs.com

Wednesday October 7 Workshop with Jacquie Gering

Slice and Insert Improvisation

Join Jacquie for a full day workshop focusing on the improvisational Slice and Insert piecing technique from the book Quilting Modern. Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts. Learn the basic technique and a new adaptation, a foolproof strategy for matching inserts, simple techniques for adding complexity to a design as well as how to work with even width and wedge shaped inserts. Combine simple sewing with a new skill and create your own linear design. Jacquie will share quilts from the book as well as new designs to inspire you.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $45 members, $50 non-members
Location: United Church of Colchester
Skill Level: Confident Beginner

Thursday October 8 Workshop with Jacquie Gering

Creative Quilting with the Walking Foot

Want to quilt your quilts on your home machine and maybe free motion quilting isn’t for you? Come discover the joy and creative possibilities of quilting with your walking foot. Straight-line quilting has a long history and is making a comeback in both modern and traditional quilts. Learn tips and tricks for successful quilting with your walking foot along with creative quilting designs that can be accomplished on your home machine. If you bring a finished quilt, we’ll talk together about how to quilt our quilts with designs we can accomplish with a walking foot.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $45 members, $50 non-members
Location: United Church of Colchester
Skill Level: Confident Beginner
Programs at a Glance: please see last page.
UPCOMING CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2015-2016

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

Oct 6: Jacquie Gering  http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.com

Nov 3: Jo Diggs  http://www.jodiggs.com

Apr 5: Anne Petersen  http://obsessivequilter.weebly.com

May 3: Pam Damour  http://www.pamdamour.com

Workshop registrations will be accepted as they are received and paid for regardless of guild membership. This new policy is an effort to fill our wonderful workshops.