Welcome October and autumn! My absolute favorite time of the year! Summer fun is done, the garden is put to bed, and weekends can be devoted to quilting... and the CVQG Show!

First off, I again would like to thank everyone who participated in our September celebration. Your quilts and stories were funny, heartwarming, and wonderful! I’m glad so many took the opportunity to share.

Remember to bring your Challenge Quilts to our October meeting so that our membership has the chance to enjoy them and vote. I hope all of them are entered into the show as well!

The final preparations for our annual show are taking place. If you haven’t signed up to volunteer for a few hours, please contact Pat Marmillion at pmarmill@yahoo.com or call her cell phone, 512.470.5149.

See you on Tuesday, October 7, for our meeting which is back in its regular location at the Essex Alliance Church.

Marty DelNevo, CVQG President

Colleen’s quilts are distinctive for their illusion of depth. Objects such as leaves or planets appear to float above a two-dimensional surface. Her goal is to encourage the viewer to look into rather than just at the quilt. Her lecture will showcase the tools she uses to create the illusion of depth.

In the past two decades, Colleen’s quilts have won a host of awards. Her quilts are featured in The Best Contemporary Quilts: Quilt National 2001 (Lark Books, 2001) and Art Quilts: A Celebration: 400 Stunning Contemporary Designs by Robert Shaw (Lark Books, 2005). She is the author of Casting Shadows: Creating Visual Depth in Your Quilts. Colleen has been a guest on Alex Anderson’s popular TV show Simply Quilts. Colleen joins us from the Seattle, Washington area.
Fantastic Fun Selling Raffle Tickets at Champlain Valley Expo!

A great turn-out of volunteers came to the fair and sold a total of $1,044.00 in raffle tickets! Thank you to all of the 30 plus people who gave their time and encouraged everyone who entered the Blue Ribbon Pavilion to buy a ticket. And thanks to the CVE staff who generously supplied admission tickets to all the volunteers, too!

Sue Rivers, Quilt Show Committee – raffle quilt

Raffle Tickets!

If you haven’t yet purchased your quilt raffle tickets, see me at the October meeting. Remember, we ask every member to purchase $15 in tickets (18 total). If you won’t be at the October meeting, you can mail your check, made out to CVQG – memo Raffle Tickets to: Susan Rivers, 237 Shelburne St., Burlington, VT 05401, along with 18 name/address labels. I will label your tickets for you – what a deal!

Thanks,

Sue Rivers, Quilt Show Committee – raffle quilt

SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up to volunteer at the CVQG Annual Show Oct. 18 - 19 or help with set up on Oct. 16 - 17 or take down on Oct. 19. This year’s show will be held at the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction. This type of endeavor is most successful with all hands on deck! Please contact me, Pat Marmillion to volunteer. I will be at the guild meeting with the volunteer position lists; I hope you will sign up then or email me at pmarmill@yahoo.com or call cell phone 512.470.5149. Volunteering for two hours gets you into the show free that day. (Volunteering Thursday or Friday means a wonderful lunch will be served to you.) Thanks, in advance, for supporting our show!

Pat Marmillion

COMMUNITY QUILTS

The Community Quilts Committee had a busy summer. We familiarized ourselves with the storage shed, finished quilts to be distributed, started organizing fabric and kits and delivered quilts to Hope Lodge, the Ronald McDonald house and several quilts to a family in need.

The Alzheimer’s fidget quilt project started in the fall of 2013 is a huge success. Guild members made 71 quilts which we donated to nursing homes in the area and to several individuals. The word about our fidget quilt project has spread outside Vermont. We received an inquiry from the Albany, New York area and the Alzheimer’s Association in Tennessee asking about our fidget quilts. They wondered if we could assist them with getting started on making quilts or donating quilts. We directed the Albany area nursing home to resources in their area which might be able to help them. The Alzheimer’s Association in Tennessee did not realize we were from Vermont and they will pursue guilds in their area for fidget quilts.

Many thanks to Sandi Hardy, Alice Marsh, Josy Moore and Marta Vosburgh for volunteering to help with Community Quilts. A special thanks to Diane Larrabee for all her help this summer in getting us organized and sharing her ideas for community quilts.

We received some beautiful quilts at our September meeting and sent more home with guild members to be finished. Thank you to everyone who works on the quilts we have the honor of distributing. Our first workshop will be on Saturday, November 15 at the Methodist Church on Rte. 15 in Essex Center. We will have further details at the October meeting.

Carol Thurgate and Gail Babinger, Co-chairs, Community Quilts
Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild Minutes Sept. 2, 2014

President Marty DelNevo welcomed a standing room only group to the celebration of the 35th year of the founding of the guild. She started the meeting by reminding members that we have a responsibility to each other to be respectful of others’ work and feelings and that “It is quilting that holds us together.”

Show registrar Andre Emmell announced that 95 quilts have been registered. He would accept more for another week. Volunteer chair Pat Marmillion said that a form was being circulated for show volunteers. Chair Linda Lazarowski stated that we are sharing the cost of a banner with the rug hookers. It will hang across the highway the week before the show. Janet Jaffe urged everyone to contact their community paper with personal information about area members who will have quilts in the show. She has a template available for our use.

Marty reminded everyone that more baskets are needed for the raffle and requested people to let her know what they will donate. Someone is still needed to set up and organize the craft table. Community Quilts Chairs, Gail Babinger and Carol Thurgate informed us that Sandy Hardy, Alice Marsh, and Josy Moore have joined their team. They are looking for a new place to donate preemie quilts and welcome suggestions from members. A workshop will be held on November 15th.

Librarian Kim Portalupi will bring selected book crates to meetings and her request for quilt angels to transport crates back and forth was filled. The Green Mountain Guild meets October 26th and those interested in presenting a program at a guild meeting are invited to attend and present a proposal. The board will meet on September 8th and the newsletter deadline will be the 15th of each month again this year.

Founding members, Jeanne Detenbeck and Maureen Yates spoke of the first days of the guild and showed some of their work. Eleven members also showed their first and last quilts and told stories about how they got started. They were Betty Packer, Marty DelNevo, Rose Orr, Lois Bresee, Sue Rivers, Linda Lazarowski, Fran Allen, Jane Massenas, Ruth Whitaker, Judy Newton and Linda Lees. Anniversary cake was served to everyone.

After the break, Show and Tell was held with more members displaying and talking about their first quilts. The Quilts for Valor raffle prize was presented to Leah Pastel by Barbara Harrison. Jeanette Mann won the raffle blocks, and Michelle Cummings showed a small pumpkin that will be the raffle block for next month. These pumpkins will be donated to a care facility. Pam Farnsworth presented the name tag raffle prize to Carroll Alberston.

Thank You!

Many thanks are due to all the people who presented the wonderful anniversary walk down memory’s lane. These are Program co-chairs, Janet Brunet and Pat Hechmer, our President, Marty Del Nevo for hosting and especially Jeanne Detenbeck and Maureen Yates, our founding members. Thanks are due to the ten members who shared their stories about their first and last quilts — Betty Packer, Marty DelNevo, Rose Orr, Lois Bresee, Susan Rivers, Linda Lazarowski, Fran Allen, Jane Massenas, Ruth Whitaker, Judy Newton and Linda Lees.

Q & A: Pam Farnsworth talks about the Information Table

What IS the Info Table? It is the place to share notices of events that would interest quilters, as well as where you sign up for the name tag raffle.

Where can you find me? I am usually next to the membership table greeting new members and visitors and helping them make their way through our many displays.

What sort of items are found at the table? There are notices of quilt shows and special events of interest to quilters. Quilting magazines are available for you to take home. You can also post a note if you have a quilting tool or something else you would like to sell.

What is the name tag raffle? Every one wearing a name tag, and it doesn’t need to be a guild name tag, may place their name in a basket and take a chance to win a prize. It really helps newcomers and old-timers alike to get to know people. I will have some name tags available if you forget your official tag.

Is there anything guild members can do to help me? Yes, stop by and say hi and maybe stay and greet some new people. Also bring some of your old magazines to give away and take some home yourself so that I don’t have to lug them home again. You can always bring them back when you are finished with them. Thank you.

Barbara Carter
FALL PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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@cvqqvt.org.

Wednesday October 8 Workshop
Wild Sky

Planets and satellites seem to dance and swirl against a daytime sky. Appliqué these circles by hand or machine, or fuse them if you prefer, just be sure to add the secret touch that makes them look three-dimensional. Colleen will share her secrets for easy and perfect circles and for that magical 3-D excitement. Blocks are set with her perspective setting to enhance the depth and dimension of this quilt.

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm
Cost: $45
Location: United Church of Colchester
Minimum Skill Level: Beginner

Mary Stori  http://marystori.com/

Tuesday November 4 Lecture (St. John Vianney Church, S. Burlington)

Let It Shine

No matter what style or construction method you prefer, Mary is pretty sure you have a quilt that’s “screaming for beads”! Discover how bead embellishment can enhance fabric with texture, color, reflection, and visual interest. Mary shares tips for successful bead embellishment as she discusses technical aspects such as; how to stabilize, when to bead, and when to quilt. Learn how beads can effectively become the spark” that draws the eye around the piece, “star” as the main design element, or “frame” the quilt with edging or binding techniques. Of course the lecture will shine with humor and many “real” quilts!.

Mary is an internationally recognized quiltmaker, fashion designer, instructor, lecturer, and quilt show judge who has authored six quilt books and a DVD, "Mary Stori Teaches You Beading On Fabric". Her newest book is "Embellishing With Felted Wool". Mary was named 2004 Teacher of the Year by the Professional Quilter and has been a popular teacher at the Vermont Quilt Festival. Her writings have appeared in scores of quilt magazines and publications. Her award winning work is often humorous, generously embellished, and displays fine hand quilting. It has been widely exhibited both nationally and internationally. She’s appeared on HGTV's "Simply Quilts", "Sew Perfect", and Fons & Porter's "Love of Quilting". She designed the Mary Stori Collection for Kona Bay Fabrics, and her own line of stencils for Quilting Creations. Mary joins us from her home in the mountains of North Carolina.
Wednesday November 5 Workshop

Beads, Beads, Beads

Students get two great classes in one! This workshop introduces exciting beading techniques that have practical applications for quilts and garments. Mary offers an in-depth discussion about beads: the care, storage, equipment needs, and stabilizing methods. In the morning, students will create a reference sampler as they learn: basic bead stitch, straight and curve line beading, scatter stitching, and the lazy stitch. We’ll also learn to attach beads, charms, buttons, trinkets, & unusual objects. The afternoon focus is more decorative stitches, including picot stitch, chain stitch, branched fringe, netting, bugle bead walls, bead embroidery, and more. Be prepared to become addicted to the special effects, the fun, and mobility of beading. This class features live video projection, every student has a front row seat!

Visit Mary’s blog spot http://marystori.blogspot.com and blogshop http://www.marystoris.blogshop.com to see how much beading Mary incorporates into her work.

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:30pm  
**Cost:** $45  
**Kit:** $10.00 paid to instructor (contains the beads, embellishment items & beading thread)  
**Location:** United Church of Colchester  
**Minimum Skill Level:** Beginner, no beading experience necessary

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**CVQG PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE 2014-2015**

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.

**October 7:** Colleen Wise  
**November 4:** Mary Stori  
**December 2:** Holiday Program  
**January 6:** Dominique Ehrmann  
**February 3:** Joanne Schapp  
**March 3:** TBD  
**April 7:** Meg Cox  
**May 5:** Debby Kratovil  
**June 2:** Potluck Dinner and Teacup Auction
Champlain Valley Quilters’ Guild – Fall Workshop Registration

Name ___________________________ Check # _____

Email address ___________________________ Phone _____________

___Wednesday Oct. 8  Colleen Wise  Wild Sky  $45

(Mail check for Colleen’s workshop to Janet Brunet, 60 Mills Point Road, Colchester, VT 05446)

___Wednesday Nov. 5  Mary Stori  Beads, Beads, Beads  $45

(Mail check for Mary’s workshop to Patricia Hechmer, 34 Maple Tree Lane, Westford, VT 05494)

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, after confirming availability.

programs@cvqgt.org

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.

IT’S ALMOST SHOWTIME!

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October 18th & 19th

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SPREAD THE WORD! TELL YOUR FRIENDS! POST FLYERS!

Did you know that most of the funding for our guild’s awesome line-up of nationally known speakers and workshop teachers comes from the proceeds of our annual show?

This year, not only have we’ve managed to score a fabulous new location at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds, but we’ve partnered with the Green Mountain Rug Hookers, New England Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, and the Mountain Fiber Folk Cooperative to create a fiber festival weekend that promises to have something for everyone.

In order for the guild to continue to provide the many educational benefits of membership, we need your support to make attendance at this show our best ever. Word of mouth publicity is as important as any form of paid advertising. Please do whatever you can, whenever you can to help us meet this goal.

Looking for additional flyers or posters to post or distribute? Be sure to come to the October 7th Guild Meeting or contact Jeannette Harrison at sspsy@aol.com
October

Fall is such a rich season. Harvests give us a sense of security and hope for the future. We invite you to make these pumpkins, simple and quick with senior citizens in mind.

In a change from tradition for each pumpkin that you make write the name of a senior center of your choice. We will draw a name(s) and donate to that center pumpkins to decorate their dining or common areas.

Fabric Pumpkins

What you need:
- Fabrics: Fall Colors of; cottons, batiks, homespun, silk, wool corduroy, burlap, YOU Choose!
- Strips of "leaf" type fabrics 1- 1½ wide and 3-5 inches long. These can be pinked, torn or rotary cut.
- Polyester quilt batting fluffed up or purchased polyester fluff.
- Sewing thread, Crochet Cotton, Pearl Cotton, Embroidery Floss or Jute.
- Hot glue gun or very good fabric glue.

Optional:
- Rafia could also be used decoratively in place of pearl cotton if care is used.
- Cinnamon Sticks, twigs, or some material of your choice to represent stems.

These instructions work for any size. Suggestion would be enough to cut a 6" circle up to a 12" circle. Again your choice. Would not suggest much smaller than 6". I often use dinner plates to get my circles.

With a large eye needle and thread to match your fabric; make a knot and run a gathering stitch ¼ from edge of circle all the way around to where you began. Pull up to gather, gently narrowing the top but not closing. Stuff pumpkin firmly and finish pulling up the gathers until the top is closed tight. Tie in a knot.
- Trim thread. With matching or contrasting Pearl Cotton or one of the heavier threads thread a needle and knot at the end. Sew through the top of the pumpkin down to the bottom center. Repeat this procedure several times pulling your thread tight to indicate the ridges of the pumpkin and spacing the ridges 1 ½ - 2 inches apart.

Prepare your fabric strips for the leaves. Tie two strips together in the center with a narrow strip of matching fabric. Glue a small raffia bow in the center with a hot glue gun and then your leaves and stem pieces.

Upcoming Quilt Shows:
Oct. 11-12 Milk & Honey Quilters, Middlebury, VT
Oct. 24-25 Rising Star Quilters, Lexington, MA
Nov. 6-9 A Quilters Gathering Manchester, NH