President’s Message

As I write on a mid March day, temps in the 60s, sunny and breezy it’s definitely a good sign spring is on its way. We know better than to pack up the winter layers, but it does seems closer.

The biggest news we have to look forward to this spring is our quilt show! April 22-24 at Holy Family Church hall. The first one since October 2018. For this guild that’s a long time. Many of you remember we held fall quilt shows every year. Due to many reasons we went to every other year in 2016. There is still time to enter your quilts. Still time to sign up for a volunteer spot. A smaller show still takes a lot of work. And of course come to the show - round up friends, family and neighbors. We all deserve it.

The board has been busy planning for next years budget and making our best guesses for the future of the guild. Programs chairs are committed to sourcing terrific teachers for programs nearly every month. We can only know so much, but our sense is optimistic. With that in mind board positions will be open for June elections. A new president and a vice president are needed. The good news is the other board positions are staying on and very experienced at their jobs.

See you in April for our first hybrid meeting of 2022

Guild president

Claire Graham-Smith

Hybrid Guild Meeting April 5!

Join us in person at Holy Family Parish Center starting at 6:30 p.m. OR stay home and join on Zoom.

Andre Emmell—“A Man and His Quilts”

Andre is a long-time member of our Guild, a prolific quilter and very active in Quilt Retreats and Shows. We have all seen examples of his work at meetings but in April he will give us a perspective on his quilting journey showing past and current quilt projects. He is deeply involved in Quilts of Valor and will tell us more about his contributions to this wonderful program. He will also be able to give us a perspective of men in the quilting world.
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD OF VERMONT

March 1, 2022 via zoom

Meeting Minutes

6:30 PM social time

7:00 PM meeting called to order by President, Claire Graham-Smith

There were 43 people at the meeting

Sue McGuire introduced our speaker, Sherri Noel, from RebeccaMaeDesigns.com. Her video was entitled Finding My Quilt Voice. Her workshop is being held Friday, March 11 via Zoom. Joanne Latrell will be facilitating this.

Business Meeting:

Programs

-Sue McGuire reported that we are signed up for the next Global Quilt Connection event on March 19 and 20 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be nine teachers showing their skills

-in April we will be having a hybrid meeting with member, Andre Emmill, as our speaker. His talk is entitled A Man and His Quilts

-in May we will be having art quilter, Betsy Habitch

Challenge Quilt

-Linda Lane reported that the Challenge Quilt display is at The Williston library through March

-they will not be displayed in April and May

-in the summer they are scheduled to be in Charlotte

-a member mentioned that the new South Burlington library has display space. Linda will look into that for the next Challenge

-Linda reminded members that the theme for our next Challenge Quilt is Scrap Buster

Membership

-Linda Park reported that we now have 94 members with one new member and one member renewal

Sew-Ins

-Anne Standish reported that there were 14 members at the February sew in. She encouraged more members to attend this fun activity held via Zoom on the fourth Monday of each month.

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Joann Frymire, Secretary

MEMBER APPRECIATION

We must have the most polite members ever! You all hung back and resisted entering quilts in the show, giving other members the opportunity. Well now it's time to stop being polite and elbow yourself to the front. Don't hide your light under a bushel anymore--pull out one of your beautiful quilts and get it entered in the show. All those quilts we've seen in virtual show and tell will be so much better in person! You've made your point and shown off your patience, politeness, and good character. Now is the time to show off your quilting skills:)
Hello my crafty friends. The current round of challenge quilts will be on display at the Dorothy Alling Library in Williston until March 30th, 2022.

I am going to run next year’s challenge as well and have chosen a theme close to my heart. I am so excited I even wrote a short song (queue the Ghostbuster’s theme song):

“If there’s too much fabric
In your sewing space;
What you gonna do?
A Stash Buster!”

You guessed it; this year’s theme is a Stash Buster! There are very few rules, but they are geared to help you make a dent in your fabric stash.

The Rules - (for those paying attention, the rules have changed a bit from last posting, and will have one more slight change before October - I am working on thoughts for ease of hanging):

1. Fabrics and techniques are your choice. The only rule on fabric choice is that you **CANNOT** buy any new fabric. All fabric for your challenge quilt **MUST** come from your stash. **Editor’s note: no new fabric for this once you start your challenge quilt!**

2. Perimeter must be at least 80" but should not exceed 160". I decided to add a minimum size and increase the maximum size to help ensure maximum stash usage.

3. A 3” x 5” index card attached to the bottom right corner with a brief description of your quilt on one side and your name and telephone and/or email address on the other side.

4. TBD

5. TBD

6. Quilts to be displayed at our October 2022 guild meeting. Our members will vote for their favorites at that meeting.

7. Quilts to be displayed at various locations, including the Charlotte Senior Center, and various local Libraries in Charlotte, Shelburne, Hinesburg and Williston.

That’s it - have fun using up all your wonderful fabrics.

~Linda Lane~
Next meeting: MAY 3 - Betsy Habich  
“The Joy of Fabric (and Thread!)”  
Also In-Person meeting (hybrid) join us at Holy Family Parish Hall or sign on to Zoom at 6:30, meeting starts at 7

Betsy works in a variety of styles, from traditional to art quilts. She specializes in pieced picture quilts and lots of thread painting. She will do a slide and trunk show of her many wonderful projects, speak about the techniques she uses, and answer any questions about her work.

June 7—Annual Meeting—voting on budget, new president, maybe get a peek at the new raffle quilt...more on this at the May meeting and in the June newsletter!