



# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

## May 2022

**Join us on May 3 at Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction!**

**Gather at 6:30 p.m. ~ meeting starts at 7  
Or Zoom in, same time!**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As I write today my screen doors are open, the birds are singing and a neighbors' rototiller is throbbing in the distance. I even saw a newt on my walk this am. From where I sit, spring is definitely here.

It must be spring because we have a lot going on. By time you read this our quilt show will have happened! Three and a half years has been a long time since the last one! Many thanks to the committee who have worked tirelessly, members who submitted quilts and volunteers who made it all happen. Well done.

May hybrid guild meeting will feature Betsy Habich sharing her 'Joy of Fabric and Thread'. Join us in person or on Zoom.

\*\*June is our annual elections when we choose new officers for next year. Unusually this year we need several key positions. President, Vice President and secretary. Interest has been expressed in president or secretary and they are willing to be flexible. \*\*

All other board members are staying on and are very good at their jobs by now. That makes is so much easier for new comers to step in- they will help keep you in line, in the nicest way! They are a terrific group of smart and fun people. Zoom Board meetings are generally a good time. I promise you do get used to the public speaking aspect, as you've seen by now, not my forte either. And really, we are speaking to our fiends and quilting peers, our people. It feels very friendly. Feel free to contact me or any other board members with questions.

More about June meeting. Regarding return of the Pot Luck, we decided we are not quite ready for that. So we'll do a Finger-Food Dessert Pot luck instead. No spoons or dishes to clear up.

Following that we will have a mini program from member Chris Wroble on her reflections of the Pacific International Quilt Show late last year. I thought it might be fun to hear from folks who did the Shop Hop this year and have them give us an update of observation of how our local VT quilt shops are doing. Let me know if you'd like to be part of a mini presentation.

We also vote on the proposed budget for next year, it will be sent out in a separate email. Watch for that soon.

Be well

*Claire Graham-Smith*

### **NEXT MEETING MAY 3— BETSY HABICH—"The Joy of Fabric (and Thread!)"**

In-Person meeting (hybrid – if you can't come, join on Zoom) gather at 6:30, meeting begins at 7 p.m.

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. Betsy will also have items for sale.

<https://betsyhabich.com/>



# CHAMPLAIN VALLEY QUILT GUILD OF VERMONT

April 5, 2022 Hybrid

## Meeting Minutes

6:30 PM social time

7:05 PM meeting called to order by President, Claire Graham-Smith

Jo Frymire asked everyone to sign up to volunteer for the show and to take lawn signs during the break.

Sue McGuire introduced our speaker, Andre Emmell

## Business Meeting:

### Show

-Jo asked everyone to take flyers to give out.

-Chris Wrobel asked anyone who has access to Front Porch Forum to give their email so we can post about the show in as many communities as possible.

### Challenge Quilt

-Linda Lane reported that the Challenge Quilt display has been very well received and she will be showing them again in June and through the summer. Please get the quilts to her after the show.

-Our next Challenge Quilt is due in October. The theme is Stashbuster. The only rule is that you have to make it from your stash! The size requirement is from a perimeter of at least 80 inches and no bigger than 160 inches

### Membership

-Linda Park reported that we 1 new member and 2 guests

-if anyone joins now their \$35 will go for the rest of this year and next. We will have membership information at the show

### 2023 Raffle Quilt

-Linda Park reported that there were 10 people at the sew in and that good progress was made

-Yankee Pride gave a generous donation

## Programs

-Sue McGuire reported that there will be another Global Quilt Connection in July and we will continue enrolling our guild because there is interest and participation

-in May we will be having art quilter, Betsy Habich: *Joy of Fabric and Thread*

## Finance

-Chris reported that we are required to have our books audited. This is not an official audit we just need to make sure everything is being done correctly.

-if any member is qualified or knows someone who can help us out please contact Chris

-She is putting together our 2022-2023 budget and it will be in the May Newsletter for voting in June

## Community Quilts

-Barb Newman showed some quilts that have been donated

-we have recently donated 21 quilts to the UVM Pediatric ward

-we are always in need of pillow cases and quilts

Adjourn: 8:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Joann Frymire, Secretary



Carol Green of Evolving Textiles will be a vendor at our May 3 meeting. Carol is a quilter from Palmer, Alaska. She will be selling ice dye Kona cottons. Check out her Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/evolvingtextilesakaz/>



Singer 1910 Treadle Sewing Machine, Oak Cabinet & Cast Iron Base. It has not been used in over 20 years, but does work (could use a "tune up."). Asking \$100 but willing to negotiate if someone will put my grandfather's sewing machine to good use.

Arlene Sorgen—802 598-1806



## BLANKETS FOR NEONATAL ICU AT UVM HOSPITAL



There is a need at the UVM Hospital for flannel sheets or blankets in the NICU unit. The nursing staff have used the hospital white and blue sheets for the babies and would like something prettier and more cheerful. It would bring a touch of something softer to the hospital environment. Use: The blankets will stay on the NICU unit and be washed and dried daily on the ward. The babies will lie on top of these or be swaddled in them when they are held.

Pattern: The pattern is very simple:

- 1 – cut one yard of flannel the width of the fabric
- 2 – trim the selvages off edges
- 3 – fold over raw edges twice and stitch down with a mitered corner

Material: The fabric must be flannel. The premature baby's skin may be only a few cells thick and is very, very fragile. It is too fragile for regular cotton. Even a seam on a blanket may be too rough on their skin. If the flannel pills it must be discarded. As it is washed and dried daily a lower grade flannel may not hold up. Some companies whose flannels have held up well are Moda, Robert Kaufman and Henry Glass.

Colors and Prints: The idea is to put the babies on something that is prettier and happier to look at than the hospital 'blue and white'. Prints that have been popular with the staff and families are traditional baby prints, bright florals, trees, animals, clouds and sky. Nature prints, either cartoonish or realistic, are all welcome. Brights and pastels all work. The background color does not have to be white or even light colored. Juvenile prints are wonderful but non-juvenile prints are also appropriate. One popular print was pinecones and pine needles set on a dark blue background. Seasonal prints are another good choice.

The blankets may be dropped off at Yankee Pride to the attention of Ruth Julianelle. They also may be dropped off at the front desk at the hospital. Label them for the NICU unit and they will be delivered to the correct ward.

Join us in May to see the next guild year line up of speakers and workshops! Something for everyone!  
June 7—finger food snacks and adoption of next year's budget, plus election of officers for 2022-23.  
June newsletter—complete coverage of our 2022 quilt show! With lots of pictures!  
And just to get us started on pre quilt show coverage, even the pets are looking at quilts!



Nutmeg  
admiring the  
quilts in the barn



Ellie Mae looking  
for more quilts

