



# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

## April 2023



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since spring starts on the 21<sup>st</sup> I'm thinking I'll see daffodils and tulips in my garden. No? Well, I can hope. Your board is busy with lots of stuff. The program last month with our members showing their expertise was wonderful. I am very glad Chris Wrobel took the lead on the 2023/2024 Raffle Quilt-keeps me from having to hound everyone. Plan on coming to the sew-ins for this-we have so much fun.

Our June meeting plans are underway. We are going back to having a pot luck. No restrictions; a true potluck-maybe we'll have 50 desserts! You have a couple more months to get raffle tickets remember the drawing will be at the June meeting. We have other surprises for June in the planning stages-stay tuned.

Meanwhile enjoy this "lovely" snow and pray for some green.

As always if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Jo Frymire, President

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### APRIL 4—IN-PERSON AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH PARISH HALL

**GATHER AT 6:30, MEETING STARTS AT 7 P.M.**



**Sarah Ann Smith** "How Did She Do That?"

Sarah is an Art Quilter, Author, and Teacher whose art celebrates the home-of-her-soul that she found in mid-coast Maine, encompassing portraits, naturescapes, Hawaiian-inspired designs and abstractions from nature. Her presentation will feature many of her quilts and she will speak to how she works from initial concept to design, construction, quilting and final finishing.



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**RETURN OF YOUR CHALLENGE QUILTS!** - "Scrapbuster" challenge quilts have finished their display and will be returned to their owners at the April meeting. And don't forget this year's challenge "Animals" will be displayed at our October 3 guild meeting where we'll vote on our favorite, and then they'll be off to hang at various libraries and other public spaces. Thank you to all!

Linda Lane, Challenge Quilt Coordinator

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

March 7, 2023

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 6:57.

Sue McGuire introduced the speakers from our talented Quilt Guild: Linda Park, disappearing 9-patch and 4-patch; Joanne Lattrell, fitting odd-sized blocks together with coping strips; Carol Blomhardt, different finishes for the edges of quilts, straight bindings and more; Catherine Symchych, temperature quilts.

Business:

The Retreat at Common Grounds in February went very well. Many thanks to Marti DelNevo, Linda Park, Carol Bloomhardt, and Sue McGuire. Plans are for another retreat next year.

Programs – Joanne Lattrell reported that Christina Cameli will give a Zoom workshop on March 18, 12-3. Cost is \$50 for members.

The April meeting will feature Sarah Smith from Maine who will describe the making of a quilt from initial concept, through design and construction to a finished quilt.

In May Suzy Kleinfelter will describe the history and care of Featherweight sewing machines. There will also be a workshop on maintenance at a later date.

Catherine Symchych addressed membership in the Guild, and indicated that anyone who joins at this time of the year will pay the annual fee which will include the next few months and next year’s membership. Members were urged to take a guest pass which will allow attendance to a meeting for free.

Barb Newman reported on Community Quilts. Habitat for Humanity has requested 6 quilts by March 17, which are already available. However, more quilts are needed by June for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta that supports pediatric cancer patients; the Guild also supplies pillowcases which are collected and delivered in December and June for these children.

There will be a First Friday Sew-In at Yankee Pride on March 10, 10-2; another Sew-In will be held at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg on March 25.

Chris Wrobel will head up the Raffle Quilt for next year, and has suggested the pattern “Geese in the Lilies”. In her role as Treasurer, Chris reported that Raffle Quilt ticket sales bring in about 1/3 of our annual funds

President Jo Frymire reminded people of the Shop Hop currently happening around the state and then adjourned the meeting for Show and Tell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Neighbours, Secretary



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We on the membership committee love this period of growth we're in! CVQG is at 106 members, almost half of whom attend each meeting. If you forgot to pick up a guest pass at the March meeting, make sure to see Linda when you check in to the April meeting and get one. Each guest can come to a meeting for free, and if they join now they'll get a membership that runs through next year—all for only \$35!

As a Board we continue to talk about the amount of dues we ask for, and the decision has been to keep them the same again next year. That is in part due to the generosity of members who make a donation along with their membership fee, enabling us to continue to offer such well-known speakers. Thanks to all of you!

Catherine Symchych and Linda Park



# Raffle quilts!!

Get your raffle tickets at our April meeting! Turn in your sold books and money! You might win "Moonlight in Vermont" - winning ticket will be drawn at our June 6 meeting!



And don't forget, for every book of 6 tickets you sell, you can put your name in the drawing for "Diamonds in the Sky" - lap-size quilt made by Carol Bloomhardt out of the "leftovers" from the queen size quilt!



Sneak peek  
2024 Raffle Quilt !

Note: there will be other group sewing gatherings—4/29 was the only one confirmed at press time. Email notices will be sent to all guild members.

We will gather on **Saturday April 29 from 10-2** at St. Jude's Church in Hinesburg to assemble and sew the 2023 Raffle Quilt "Geese in the Lilies" by Debbie Maddy. Bring your skills (sewing & applique), lunch to enjoy friendship while we create the next Raffle Quilt for the upcoming Champlain Valley Fair Expo in September. See CVQGVT.org or Raffle Quilt Chair Sue Rivers to volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the 10-day fair—August 25– September 3, 2023.



# May & June



## May 2—in-person meeting

### Suzy Kleinfelter “All About Featherweights”

Suzy is an expert on those treasured Singer Featherweight machines so many quilters own and love. Her presentation will tell us more about the machines and why they have stayed around so many decades.

June 6—Our year-end meeting will be a pot-luck dinner (with some surprises) starting at 6 p.m. At the end of the meeting, the winner(s) of our 2023 Raffle Quilt(s) will be drawn. And we may even get a sneak peek of the 2024 raffle quilt—tickets will be available starting at our August meeting!

Pictured at right—2 of the quilts given to Habitat for Humanity house recipients in March. Thanks to Rita Bortz and everyone who makes these quilts—they are much appreciated!

