

# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild October 2023



Happy Fall!!! Time to get out all those beautiful guilts in my favorite color pallet-if only I had a bunch! I am a slow quilter. By the time you get this we will have had our next Community Quilt sew-in. If you missed this one mark your calendar for the next one on October 19<sup>th</sup>. They are always a lot of fun and we get stuff done! Be sure to read the blurb about the quilt show to find out all the current news. I am headed to Pennsylvania to visit family I wish I could get some time in Lancaster but not this time. If I only I had realized what was close by when I lived there...sigh. I hope you all enjoy the beginning of this season-get some apples and pumpkins. See you all October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jo Frymire, President



Raffle quilt "Geese in the Lilies" by Debbie Maddy. Made by guild members and quilted by Catherine Symchych.

This is our fund-raiser for 2023-24, to be raffled off at the close of our quilt show in April, 2024. Thanks to 17 guild members and helpers who sold raffle tickets at the Champlain Valley Fair. We raised \$1,630.00 in 10 days, nearly 70% of our goal. Now we invite all guild members to sell 3 books of tickets (\$15.00) to help get over that goal. And, for every book of 6 tickets you sell, your name goes into a special drawing (guild members only!) to win a lap quilt made by Carole Bloomhardt from the "leftovers". A picture of the raffle quilt will be available for members to get on their phones to help sell tickets.

# OCTOBER 3, HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL, ESSEX JUNCTION GATHER AT 6:30, PROGRAM STARTS AT 7 P.M. Quilt Restoration by Judith Eisenberg

Judith recently moved to Vermont after a career of textile conservation and as a professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. She will tell us about her work, why and how textiles are preserved or restored and show examples of some of the quilts and other textiles she has worked on.

Bring your 2023 Animal Challenge Quilts! We will be voting for our favorite! The quilts will be going on tour to various libraries and senior centers.



#### CVQGVT SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 Member meeting minutes

7:00 PM President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order

Joanne Lattrell introduced our program speakers, Fern Mercure and Sharon Perry who presented a program about Franklin County Barn Quilts, and the Barn Quilt Trail.

Community Quilts: Barbara Newman discussed Community Quilts and stated that each table has 2 pillowcase kits to be taken home and sewn by members.

She reports a large donation of fabric was made to Community Quilts and that kits for quilts to be donated are available.

8:10pm Jo Frymire announced that CVQGVT sold raffle tickets at the Champlain Valley Fair the previous week.

Raffle Quilt: Sue Rivers got up to speak about the fair ticket sales:

-she had 17 volunteers

-\$1630 worth of tickets sold

-more volunteers needed for next year's Fair

There will be tickets available at each meeting for members to buy and/or take home to sell. If you sell a book of tickets, your name will go into a separate raffle (members only) for a chance to win Carol Bloomhardt's quilt.

Challenge Quilt: Linda Lane reminded members that the theme is ANIMALS (not bugs). Details about the requirements for the challenge quilt are in the newsletter. Members will vote on their favorite one at the October meeting. The quilts will then be displayed at various local libraries.

Membership: Linda Park reminded members that their membership fees are now due, and remain \$35 (but rounding up for a donation is welcomed!). We have a few new members and a few guests tonight.

Programs: Sue McGuire discussed upcoming programs...please see the newsletter for details. The Sampler Platter event through the Global Quilt Collection will be happening September 23 & 24...information on how to view the sampler of workshops and programs is on the website.

Quilt Show news: Jo Frymire announced the first Quilt Show meeting will take place on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at her house. The theme for this April's show is "Seams Like Spring". There are a variety of jobs available so please consider volunteering for the show committee.

\$728 was raised from the August Trunk Sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm, for the always inspiring Show and Tell.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Suarez, hoping to adequately fill in for the wonderful Mary Neighbours



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## **COMMUNITY QUILTS**

We have delivered 5 quilts to Quilts Across America for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. 5 more kids will be in a bed, under a quilt! And 2 quilts to Camp Ta Kum Ta- until there's a cure there's camp

Be certain to visit the Community Quilts table at guild meetings. The themes this month are squares and



Camp Ta-Kum-Ta quilt by Teela

plaids. We have a variety of woven plaid fabrics available on the freebie table. They are not only good for quilts but also placemats, napkins, mug rugs, etc. Sew around the perimeter to make a fast napkin. There will be a sample on the table.

We have a very large collection of precut squares. Make up kits to use for community quilts or add to your stash.

If you are making a top for the community, batting is available by asking the Community Quilt committee to cut you the size you require, maximum length is 92". Remember the best size for community quilts is twin size. The minimum size for most cozy quilts is 50x60.

You are welcome to attend our next sew-in to help assemble kits or work on a quilt for the community or for yourself. It's a great time to socialize and see what everyone else is doing. If you don't want to bring your machine, come

anyway. There will be community quilts and activites for you; we need you! Our next sew-in is Thursday, October 19 from 10-2 at Yankee Pride. Stay for as long as you'd like. We plan to have some baked goodies to start the day, bring lunch if you plan to stay.

#### Barbara and Rita

### **QUILT OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE**

October's quilt is faux plaid inspired by the plaid-ish quilts by Erica at Kitchen Table Quilt. <u>https://kitchentablequilting.com/</u>

This simple version requires 5" squares and 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangles formed by cutting 5" squares in half. You will also need strips at 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

You will be piecing seven-patch blocks formed by three rows. The top row and bottom rows are two 5" squares one either side of a 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5" rectangle. The center row is a 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11  $\frac{1}{2}$ " rectangle.

The sample I created used red as the dark, green as the medium, and white as the light.

The dark seven-patches used dark squares, medium rectangles and a medium strip. The medium seven-patches used medium squares, dark rectangles and a dark strip.

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TO PLAN CUTTING- You will need 9 light seven patches, 12 dark seven patches and 21 medium seven patches.

For the 5" squares that's 36 light, 48 dark and 82 medium.

For the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5" rectangles that's:

42 dark for the medium seven-patches

24 medium for the dark seven-patches

18 medium for the light seven-patches

For the strips 9 medium for the light blocks 12 medium for the for the dark blocks 21 light for the medium blocks.

The seven patches finish to 11". Arrange the blocks as in the sample. (see photo).

The quilt is 66" x77".

Be sure to visit Erica's Kitchen Table Quilting Web site for more sophisticated plaid-ish quilts and free tutorials.



## **NEWS FROM THE PATRIOTIC SPIRITS - QUILTS OF VALOR GROUP**

We would like to thank everyone who returned their completed signature blocks and remind anyone who took a pattern or a kit that you can return your blocks to Linda Lane or Helen Garvey at any show meeting. We are hoping to have a nice stack of blocks available for people to sign at our quilt show in April.

Our group will be presenting more quilts at the Middlebury Quilt Show on October 7th and also at the Charlotte Senior Center on November 10th.

I would like to answer two questions that I am asked quite a bit:

1) How do you nominate someone to receive a Quilt of Valor?

We need the person's full name, the branch of service they were in, their rank and the dates that they were in the service. Please send this information to me and I will get it to the correct people.

2) How can I donate to Quilts of Valor?

You can donate time by joining our QOV group or starting your own in your area. Please feel free to contact me for more information.



You can donate a red, white and blue quilt top (or finished quilt or blocks) to our group and we will finish it and make sure it goes to a veteran. The smallest size should be 55" x 65" and the largest size would be 60" x 80". You can bring the tops to a guild meeting or contact me and I can arrange to pick them up. You can get lots of great ideas from Google for patriotic patterns or you can go directly to the Quilts of Valor website for free patterns - <u>https://www.qovf.org/quilt-patterns/</u>

You can make a donation to Quilts of Valor as a whole by going to <u>https://www.qovf.org/donate/</u> - or you can even donate directly to our group at this same website at - <u>https://www.qovf.org/about-qovf/</u><u>whos-in-my-area/</u> and zoom in on Northern Vermont. We are Group 52137 - Patriotic Spirits.

Thank you, ~Linda Lane~ Patriotic Spirits purplelaner@gmail.com



#### November 7 – Julie Poirier Mathur "There's An App for That"



Julie joins us from Quebec outside of Montreal to show examples of her body of work including Portrait, Contemporary, and Fantasy quilts. She has exhibited works at Salon Courtepointe Québec as well as in traveling exhibits throughout Canada and Internationally. In her lecture she will speak to how she uses free apps on the computer to design quilts. She will demonstrate and present how and why she uses these apps.

#### Workshop – November 8—"Fearless with Apps!"

Julie will lead an all-day Workshop the day after the meeting. Students will bring laptops or tablets and follow Julie's instructions to manipulate pictures to create a pattern, then if time, they can begin constructing a quilt using the pattern. Fused applique best use for class time but you could choose to use

other techniques at home later instead.



Interested in making your own "Barn Quilt"? Contact Kimberley Hess, Barn Quilt Therapy hesskimberlyL@gmail.com







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