



# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

## April 2024



### **SEAMS LIKE SPRING-QUILT SHOW APRIL 26, 27, 28, 2024**

We are in count down mode. There are many things that are being done by the committee to make this show great. Please remember to do your part. We still have room for your quilt entries - what's a quilt show without quilts so please get them in. The volunteer opportunities are on the website. If you volunteer you get into the show free! Please contact me if you have any questions.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Spring-and snow-and cold-ahhh Vermont. Just more time for cozy quilting. I am trying to organize by projects but sometimes I just stare and wonder where to start. I did participate in the Shop Hop. It was a lot of fun to see how different each shop is. We are lucky to live in a small state so we can visit all of our shops without too much trouble. Be sure to use our local shops we don't want to lose them.

The show is a little over a month away as I write this-how exciting. We are one of the few shows around so get a quilt in, volunteer, PARTICIPATE!

For those who celebrate it-Happy Easter!

*~ Jo Frymire, President & Quilt Show Chair*

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### **APRIL 2—MEET AT HOLY FAMILY; GATHER 6:30; PROGRAM STARTS AT 7:00**

#### **SPEAKER: JOAN SHORTSLEEVE "TUCKERIZING YOUR PATTERNS"**

Joan is a local Certified Studio 180 instructor for Deb Tucker designs. She will discuss how to use Deb's techniques on patterns not designed specifically using Studio 180 rulers. This is a LIVE, in-person presentation.



### **RAFFLE BASKETS/TOTES FOR THE SHOW!**

Put together those baskets or totes or just bring us stuff to fill them. Last show this raffle made us about \$800. Please help to make as successful this time. You can drop any donations off at Holy Family starting Tuesday afternoon, April 23.

### **SHOW CRAFT TABLE**

We just to remind everyone that they can try to sell their crafty items at the craft table at the show. The guild receives 10% of the price. These can be any kind of craft item. We cannot take bed size quilts due to space constraints. Please price your items before dropping them off at the table.

## Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

March 5, 2024

President Jo Frymire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Joanne Lattrell introduced the speaker, Elaine Quehl from Ottawa, joining us virtually via a Zoom link to the church hall. She gave a most interesting presentation "From Inspiration to Art Quilts" describing her journey taking classes and working in series to find her voice. She also gave tips like embracing newness, quieting your critical voice and practice, a lot.

### Announcements

Sue McGuire discussed a quilted postcard swap with Ireland. She had a signup sheet and passed out directions and portions of an iron-on Pellon that could be used. A total of 19 members signed up to make postcards. When addresses are received from Ireland, she will assign one to each participating member.

Nancy Suarez, as VP, is in charge of preparing a slate of candidates for the Guild board with elections to be held in June. She asked for nominations or interest from anyone interested in being an officer or on the board. One of the Programs Chair positions is open. If interested in that or any other job, contact Nancy or Jo. She also noted that board meetings are held by Zoom so no one thinks being on the board requires a commitment to more in-person meetings.

Mary Neighbours just returned from the "Road to CA" show and at the Sew Powerful booth learned about quilters making purses to donate and be filled with feminine products for African girls who tend to miss school several days a month without them. She passes around a card about the program. Pat Ganson said a Vermont woman, Margaret Schelley is involved with a program with same goals called "Days for Girls". Her # is 802-479-5809 for anyone interested in contributing purses locally.

Tote Bag Making Session (for craft table books) will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10-2 at St Jude church in Hinesburg.

### Old Business

Programs – Program co-chair Joanne Lattrell announced the April speaker will be Joan Shortsleeves, a Deb Tucker certified teacher who will discuss using Studio 180 rulers and using Deb's methods for many quilt designs, called "Tuckerizing your Pattern".

Our May speaker will be our own Karen Abrahamovich, speaking about her quilt journey and her newest venture selling patterns. She will also teach a class on May 11<sup>th</sup> on her technique for state, country, and province quilts. It will be held at IHM Catholic church in Williston from 10-4, cost is \$55. Sign up on website or by mail.

Mary Neighbours also spoke about a potential future speaker, Dave Sirota and encouraged us to see his website, [QuiltMavenDave.com](http://QuiltMavenDave.com).

### New Business

Billings Farm & Museum has contacted us regarding their summer Quilt Show. They will be hosting a different quilt guild on each of 6 Saturdays and are inviting us to participate. The guild will have the use of our education barn just outside of the quilt exhibition for demonstrations, trunk shows, exhibitions, sale of tickets for our Raffle Quilt, etc. In exchange, they hope some of our members will volunteer for a shift in the quilt show itself during the day; they will give free admission for some participants. The dates we are considering are July 27<sup>th</sup> or August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in providing a quilt to show or helping on the chosen day, contact Jo.

### Quilt Show

Jo announced lots of activity for the April Show –

Volunteer Sheets are available for signups in person, on-line, or see Linda Park.

Registration for your quilts to be entered is now on-line per Carol Bloomhardt.

Note there is a link to the form to be filled out on the bottom of the page so scroll down to fill out, then do the payment and submit. There is no paper registration allowed but also no on-line payment fee. When the form is submitted you will get an email, if not, contact Carol. Only 1 quilt per person will be accepted but the form asks if you have another in case we have room. That will depend on the size of the quilt and space available. She asked that we don't wait until last minute to register.

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Raffle Totes - Jo announced we need fillings for the raffle baskets, some were brought to the meeting. Nancy S showed a tote bag with a tea theme she made and filled with all kinds of tea related items. Jo said to be creative with tote filler items, wine was especially well received.

Craft Table – Jo confirmed the Guild share of craft table items is 20%, not 10% as published elsewhere. We have lots of books for the table so are making tote bags to fill with books. There will be a tote making workshop on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, see announcements above. We are using the easy 'meals on wheels' pattern.

Road signs – We need help posting road signs posted in your town. Contact Sue McGuire if you would like to post one or two in your town.

Front Porch Forum is a major ad site for us. Some towns are missing someone to post info about the show. Know anyone willing to post in these towns– the Islands, Fairfax, Georgia, Panton, Richmond, Westford, Winooski?

Please contact Sue McGuire.

The meeting was adjourned around 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McGuire, Secretary

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### A few recent community quilts!

## COMMUNITY QUILTS NEWS

### Call For More Quilts for Camp Ta Kum Ta— May deadline!

Community Quilts Committee is currently collecting quilts for Camp Ta Kum Ta summer camp. Camp is designed for pediatric oncology patients to give them a healthy "normal" camp experience. "Until there is a cure, there's camp!" The kids range in age from 8-17. Some of them are in active treatment for their cancer. The quilts should be bunkbed size, minimum 50 x 60. We need more for the teens- minimum 60 x 75. If you have a pet or smoker at home, please launder your quilt in *unscented* detergent before delivering it to us. Our goal this year is 35 quilts. We already have 20! Please deliver them to the guild in April or May or to the sew-in on Friday, April 19 at Yankee Pride 10-2. We will deliver them before the June guild meeting. Contact Barbara Newman with questions. Thanks for brightening the lives of the kids and their families.

**Community Quilts-** Please return the quilts you are quilting for us! Thank you so very much to those of you who have donated items to Community Quilts. We continue to collect pillowcases and juvenile quilts for Children's Hospital at UVM; 40 pillowcases and 4 quilts went to them last month. Another Habitat for Humanity home will be done soon. We plan to donate 4 quilts to 2 families- double bed and twin size. Look for pillowcase kits at the guild meetings and sew-ins. We also have fat quarters and other fabric at guild meetings and sew-ins- some for community quilts and some just for the taking! If you are making a top for the community, batting is available by asking Barbara Newman to cut you the size you require, maximum length is 92". We have also recently acquired some larger pieces of fabric that may be used to piece backings for community quilts. Remember the best size for community quilts is twin size. The minimum size for most cozy quilts is 50x60, if your quilt is smaller, we can use it for our donations to Children's Hospital.

There will be a monthly sew-in on **Friday, April 19 at Yankee Pride from 10-2**. You are welcome to attend to work on a quilt for the community or for yourself. It's a great time to socialize and see what everyone else is doing. Stay for as long as you'd like. Bring lunch if you plan to stay.

Again, thanks for sharing your gift of quilting to spread comfort and joy to those in our community.

*Barbara Newman*



## QUILTED POSTCARDS FOR IRELAND

We had 19 members sign up to make quilted postcards in a swap with Ireland Patchwork Society Quilters (most voluntarily!). Sue McGuire has passed that number on to our February speaker who is gathering a list of her members interested in receiving them and returning postcards back to us. Sue will send everyone participating the address of one Irish quilter when they are received.



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## THE SAMPLER PLATTER ONLINE FROM THE QUILT CONNECTION APRIL 13 & 14



Go to: [globalquiltconnection.com/samplerplatters](http://globalquiltconnection.com/samplerplatters) to see a full listing of all the teachers and their presentations.

**When:** Saturday, April 13, 3-6pm, and Sunday, April 14, 3-6:30pm.

**How to access:** You will receive an email with the access information during the week before. The access info is private to members of our Guild, so we cannot publish it in our newsletter. Also, please don't share the info with non-members; better yet, get them to become members.

This spring there will be 18 quilt teachers in many different areas. Here is a "sample": Gunnel Hag and Lisa Thorpe – creating your own fabric by printing or stenciling; Linda Sullivan and Karen Bolan – cutting and piecing curves; Dianne Harris and Jenny Kae Parks – using up those scraps; Rachel Derstine – simple ways to give your quilts a "punch". And lots more! Added bonus: You

will be able to access the content for 72 hours afterwards.

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## Raffle Quilts drawing April 28 at the close of our show!

Remember, for every book of 6 tickets (\$5.00) that you sell, you get one chance to win the lap quilt "Geese Crossing" (drawing open to members only!).



"Geese Crossing" by Carol Bloomhart



"Geese in the Lilies" by Debbie Maddy

## Quilt Show

**WHAT:** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin County Quilt Show

**WHEN:** **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**SHOW HOURS:** Saturday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Saint Albans City Hall Auditorium 100 North Main Street Saint Albans, VT 05478

Sponsored by the Franklin County Quilters Guild with FREE admission for all!

The best and largest quilt show in Franklin County, Vermont! Features over 100 quilts, viewers' choice awards, Mayor's Award, Sponsors' and Vendors' awards, vendors, members' boutique, and quilt raffle. Special exhibits include 2024 Something Blue Challenge, 2024 Charity Quilt, and smaller charity quilts for numerous local organizations in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. For more information, call 802-933-5149, email [franklincountyquilters@gmail.com](mailto:franklincountyquilters@gmail.com), or visit [www.franklincountyquilters.org](http://www.franklincountyquilters.org) on the web. For handicap accessibility, enter the door to the left of the stairs at the main entrance. Lots of on-street parking along with a parking garage on Lake Street, a 2-block walk from the venue. Lots of restaurants available within a short walk in St Albans City on Main Street and side streets.

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## **Billings Farm & Museum Annual Quilt Exhibition June 29-September 2, 2024 - 69 Old River Road, Woodstock, VT—802-457-2355**

To enter a quilt see the website: [billingsfarm.org/quilt-exhibition](http://billingsfarm.org/quilt-exhibition) (deadline April 7)

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Champlain Valley Fair is August 23-September 2 and we need volunteers to sell raffle tickets; sign up starting at our June meeting



April 6 & 7 –Franklin County Annual Quilt Show—see page 5

May 7—Karen Abrahamovich will be speaking about her quilt journey and her newest venture, selling patterns. She will also teach a class on May 11<sup>th</sup> on her technique for state, country, and province quilts. It will be held at IHM Catholic church in Williston from 10-4, cost is \$55. Sign up on CVQG website.

June 4—Our annual meeting! A delicious pot-luck dinner followed by our yearly election of officers and voting on the budget for 2024-25. Join us at 6 p.m. for dinner, show and tell, and the reveal of our 2024-2025 raffle quilt! Please bring your own place settings and a dish to share.



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