



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

October 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! I love this time of year. I want to start getting into holiday gift sewing but so many other chores seem to get in the way. We did great at the fair—a big thank you to Sue Rivers for basically living there for 10 days. Our first meeting of this year was really well attended and makes your board very happy. Our program chairs have great programs for the whole year so invite your quilting friends to a meeting. Our guild is growing and that allows us to do more things. An example is the bus trip Marti DelNevo has put together. We hope to be able to do more of these in the future. If you are going on the trip remember your ID! See you at the meeting and on the bus.

Jo Frymire, President



HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL, 28 LINCOLN STREET, ESSEX JUNCTION

OCTOBER 1—GATHER AT 6:30; MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

THE EXPANSIVE REACH OF HAND EMBROIDERY with Natalie Feilchenfeld and Kris Andrews, members of the Green Mountain Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America

Hand embroidery has been a constant expression of history, culture and education without the limits of geography or ethnicity. In this talk we'll review both the historic as well as contemporary examples of this art form including sources to use for your own inspiration. Many examples of modern embroidery will be shown so that all can clearly appreciate embroidery as a living and current art.



Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
September 3, 2024

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

Speaker – Dave Atkinson

Mary Neighbours introduced Dave, who is the retired proprietor of Dr. Dave Sewing Machine Hospital of Jericho. He gave us lots of information on how sewing machines work, how to maintain them and what typical repairs need to be done.

Fair

In Sue Rivers' absence, Jo thanked everyone for volunteering at the Fair and announced that almost \$1800 worth of raffle tickets were sold over the 10 days. Special thanks go to Sue for organizing, setting up and covering so many shifts.

Bus Trip

Planning for the bus trip to St. Hyacinth, Quebec for the Courtepointe Quebec Quilt Show on October 3rd is well underway. Demand has been great, there are only 7 slots left; cost is \$65 each. Contact is Marti DelNevo.

Retreat

The Guild's Retreat at Common Ground in Starksboro has been scheduled for February 5th through 9th. More details and signups will be announced later.

Community Quilts

Barbara Newman announced she had received 60 pillowcases during the meeting to give to the hospital for pediatrics patients. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta was very appreciative of the quilts given to their campers, she delivered 45 made by our members.

Sew In Scheduled

Barbara also announced that there will be a Sew-In on Friday, September 20th at Yankee Pride from 10 to 2. She will have fabric, stash buster patterns and the pillowcase pattern for attendees to sew; also supplies to make up kits for future community quilts. A Saturday Sew-In is being planned for some time in October.

Programs

Mary Neighbours and Debbie Hernberg announced the Global Quilt Connection's "All Star Sampler Platter" will be held the weekend of September 28-29th. The Guild has signed up for all members to be able to join on-line. 18 teachers will speak or show demos for 30 minutes each over a few hours each day. A list of presenters and the link to join will be sent out to you ahead of time to take advantage of this wonderful resource.

The October program will be a presentation by the Embroiderer's Guild of America. They will speak to the expansive reach of hand embroidery. In November, Barb Vedder will present 'Scrap Quilts – Secrets to Success'. She will also hold a workshop the following day (Nov 6th) on Scrap Quilts & Liberated Houses. The workshop will be at IHM church in Williston from 9:30-3:30. Expect to see details and signup information by email and on the website.

Announcements

We had a great turnout tonight with many members renewing, some new members and a few guests.

The newsletter is no longer being mailed. The email copy can be printed out.

Ruth Whitaker asked that folks volunteer to do machine quilting for community quilts, including those for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. Andre is paring back the amount he can do and is busy with the ones for Quilts of Valor.

Jo adjourned the meeting around 8:45 for a wonderful Show and Tell of quilts made over the summer by members.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McGuire, Secretary



Raffle quilt "booth" at the fair

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAIR VOLUNTEERS!

Our 2025 raffle quilt "Serenity in Vermont" was a great fund raiser at this year's Champlain Valley Fair. So many people wanted to know who made it, and how long it took and exclaimed "it's Camel's Hump!" One of the directors from Camp Ta Kum Ta stopped by to purchase raffle tickets and told us how grateful they were to get enough quilts for all the campers. He also said that he knew two of the former campers who took their "camp" quilts to college with them this year.

We sold lots of tickets, \$1,786.00. A new record for the 10 days since

I've been keeping track. Thanks again,
Sue Rivers, Raffle Quilt at the Fair

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

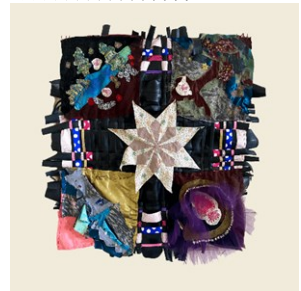
Welcome to all our new and returning members! It's a vibrant group, and we so appreciate all the renewals and donations. Please don't forget to pick up your guest pass from Linda so you have a physical reminder of your ability to bring someone to an upcoming meeting. We'll also have raffle tickets for you to pick up. You can sell them to your family and friends, or just buy them yourself and hope to win this beautiful quilt.

Linda Park and Catherine Symchych, Membership Co-chairs

The Fleming Museum, located on the UVM main campus, has a new exhibit about quilting and fabric. The three topics are "Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts", "About Place: Quilts from Vermont Museums", and "Let the Fabric Speak!". They are on display through December 6. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Information on hours and parking available on the museum website

<https://www.uvm.edu/fleming/directions-and-parking>

Debbie Hernberg, programs co-chair



LIBRARY NEWS



Visit the Guild's Library on the fireplace hearth—the "Library Room" section of our meeting space.

Each month we bring a selection of books that are in some way related to the speaker's topic, as well as other books, including novels. We have added several new books this fall, including:

- *The Christmas Boutique by Jennifer Chiaverini
- *Hope on the Inside by Marie Bostwick
- *Guide to Machine Quilting by Diane Gaudynski (this is a replacement for a copy that was worn out and removed from the library years ago)

A link to the Library is listed on the Guild's website. If a book is available, it can be delivered to you at our next meeting.

Have you read or heard about a book others will find interesting? Please let me know!

Pam Farnsworth
Librarian





NOVEMBER 5—"SCRAP QUILTS - THE SECRET TO SUCCESS"

A PowerPoint Presentation using antique quilts and my own work to decode the secrets and patterns of success scrap quilt making. Through a study of these quilts I will discuss design techniques such as color, contrast and composition and how they are employed to create beautiful quilts. The lecture is followed by a trunk show of scrap quilts.

Barb Vedder <https://funwithbarbandmary.blogspot.com/p/lectures-workshop.html>

WORKSHOP: NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Barb Vedder

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Williston, 9am-4pm, cost \$60

Liberated Houses - Pattern Free Piecing Fun

Use up your scraps!! In this fun workshop there is very little prep and lots of sewing fun! Barb will demonstrate and guide students in making liberated house blocks in different styles and sizes. This is a fun way to use scraps or make a holiday themed quilt. *Full Day Workshop - class limit 20*

DECEMBER 3—ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

Details in November newsletter!



2025

The January 7 and February 4 meetings will be on Zoom. No driving in the cold dark snow... All members will receive an email link.

January 7, 2025, via Zoom

Catherine Redford has been stitching forever. Over the years she has learned many things and will share with us the best of the best, and perhaps some of the worst. She will explain her philosophy of quilting, when to tell secrets and when not to, and how to cope with the unexpected.

Workshop, January, 2025 Date TBD via Zoom

"Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch" will be presented by Catherine Redford to inspire you to finish your quilt tops on your domestic machine. After drawing and practicing on paper, put the feed dogs down and you're off on pre-made quilt sandwiches. This will boost your confidence so you'll be ready to tackle your quilt.