



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

December 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe the holidays are upon us. I am headed to the backwoods of Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving. It's a lot of fun but hard to pack all our food. Christmas gift sewing is in high gear. Each year I make ornaments for family and friends and each year I tell myself to make them throughout the year. So far this has never happened...sound familiar? Oh well it keeps my hands occupied during all those Christmas movies!

I am wishing you and your families a very happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.
Joann Frymire, President CVQGV



DECEMBER 3—GATHER AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6

It's potluck supper time!!! Please bring your favorite dish to share with your fellow quilters. Also remember to **bring your own place setting and drink.**

HOLIDAY PROGRAM—SECRET SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE

If you are participating in our Secret Quilty Friend activity, be sure to bring your gift with 3 attached clues to your identity. This will help us to learn more about all of our members.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Suarez, doxxdog@gmail.com or Jo, joannaspennfrymire@gmail.com

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

SHOW AND TELL! - Bring your new or old quilts, Christmas themed quilts or ornaments to share with our members!

Raffle Quilt tickets are available! Our 2025 raffle quilt, "Serenity in Vermont" will be given away at our June meeting. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00—a real bargain!



**Champlain Valley Quilt Guild
November 5, 2024**

This meeting was especially well attended with about 50 members and guests.

Speaker – Barb Vedder

Mary Neighbours introduced Barb who hails from CT. She gave an interesting talk, "Scrap Quilts – Secrets to Success" emphasizing that there must be some control to the design of scrap quilts in color, contrast and composition. Barb also showed many examples of her work that complemented the presentation.

After a break, President Joann Frymire began the business meeting.

December Meeting – Secret Santa

Jo announced that she and VP Nancy have decided to include a 'Secret Santa' swap at the December meeting and asked everyone interested in participating to hand them slips of paper with their name.

Those who are not in attendance will be asked if they want to sign up also. Each participant will be sent the name of someone else to provide a gift at the meeting. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Community Quilts

We have been collecting roughly 50 pillowcases made by members per meeting to be given to the pediatric ward at the hospital – thanks to all who have worked so hard to produce them. There will now be 2 Community Quilt Sew-Ins per month. The next ones are November 15; December 6 and 20— all are held at Yankee Pride.

Workshop

Barb Vedder's 'Liberated Houses' workshop scheduled the day after this meeting was sold out but one spot became available. Joanne reminded students to use the back entrance of the hall at the Williston church.

Programs

Debbie Hernberg reported that the January meeting will be via Zoom and feature Catherine Redford speaking about her quilting journey. Catherine will also teach a Zoom Workshop "Using your walking foot-beyond the ditch" on Saturday, January 11. The class fee is \$60; signups will be available on the website soon.

Jo adjourned the meeting around 8:15; we then were delighted by a wonderful Show-n-Tell by attendees.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McGuire, Secretary

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October zinnias



A Halloween guinea pig dressed as
A mushroom



A guinea pig unicorn

PROGRAM ON JANUARY 7, 2025, VIA ZOOM

Catherine Redford – “Lessons Learned While Quilting”

An inspiring and entertaining yet informative lecture exploring Catherine’s philosophy of quilting, Catherine uses professionally shot photographs projected on the screen for a great close up view. The trunk show starts with her first quilt made 25 years ago... Catherine has learned many lessons along the way.

WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 11, 2025 (SATURDAY) VIA ZOOM

Sign up now for Catherine Redford’s workshop on a Saturday. “Walking Foot Quilting – Beyond the Ditch” is a comprehensive class in walking foot quilting using your regular domestic machine under control of your walking foot. You’ll make stitched samples of several different styles: matchstick quilting, grids, combined stitches, and serpentine. Make straight line polygon spirals or branch out to super spirals. Colored threads and hand stitching will also be discussed.

All day workshop. Class limit: 20 participants

Cost: \$60 members, \$70 non-members

PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025 VIA ZOOM

Rachel Derstine “Keep it Simple, But Pack a Punch”

Rachel will give a presentation demonstrating the idea that quilts do not need to be complex to be compelling. She shares her thoughts on how to choose great fabrics and simple designs to create amazing quilts. She will show some work from artists who have inspired her and also speaks about how her background has informed her work.

Learn more about Rachel at her website. <https://www.rachelderstinedesigns.com/>

