



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

February 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The dreary days of January and February have settled in. At least right now we have snow which brightens everything up a bit. I think everyone was glad that our January meeting was on Zoom given the weather. Remember February is a Zoom meeting too. I do miss getting together with everyone and especially getting to know our new members. I hope everyone is enjoying some cozy quilting time. We should have a lot of show and tell. If you have something ready you can always send it to Marti for the Zoom meetings. If you are going on the retreat have a great time and be sure to take lots of pictures to share. See you all on all on the 4th.

Jo Frymire, President

CHALLENGE QUILTS

Our 24/25 Challenge Quilts are in the Hinesburg library for January and will be moved to Colchester for February. Be sure to stop by and see them and encourage your neighbors to do the same. (see pages 2 & 3 for photos)

Now...the 25/26 Challenge Quilt has been announced! The theme is "My Favorite Things". We do have a restriction this time-your quilt is limited to a 64" perimeter. We hope we get lots of quilts and hope to have a display at the 2026 quilt show. So, get busy and make a little quilt. They are due at the June meeting.

If you have any questions, contact one of us.

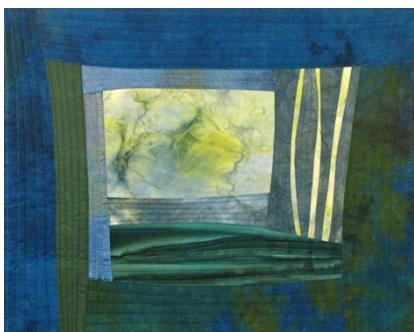
Nancy Suarez and Jo Frymire

FEBRUARY 4—MEET ON ZOOM! SIGN IN 6:30—MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

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 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/>



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January 7, 2025

January Guild Meeting – the first of 2025, was held on Zoom and well attended.

Speaker

Our virtual meeting featured a talk by Catherine Redford, from near Chicago and originally the UK. She spoke about her quilting journey, describing the path she has travelled from an embroidery background to becoming a beginning quilter, a teacher, an award-winning contributor to quilt shows and how she strives to continue to learn.

A Zoom workshop is being led by Catherine on Saturday to teach varieties of ways to do walking root quilting on a domestic machine. Space is still available.

Challenge Quilts

The last set of challenge quilts (using techniques based on your initials) were moved by Jo and Nancy to the Hinesburg library, the current venue for community viewing. Be sure to visit and check them out there.

Next year's challenge theme has been decided -- "My Favorite Things".

The maximum size will be smaller than previous years, a total of 64" perimeter. This smaller size will more easily allow all of them to be hung in the next quilt show (2026).

Details on deadline will be determined.

Community Quilts

Barbara reported that sew-ins are now being held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 10-2 at Yankee Pride. Everyone is welcome to come and work on community quilts or to bring their own projects and enjoy time with others.

If anyone needs batting for a community quilt, let Barbara know and she will cut some from the renewed stash and arrange for you to pick up. Additional pillowcases for pediatrics are always appreciated.

Membership

Jo noted that we now have climbed to a total of 112 members.

Please let Linda or Catherine know if you need a nametag.

Programs

Mary and Debbie announced that the February program (again by Zoom) will be a presentation by Rachel Derstine entitled "Keep it Simple but Pack a Punch". There will be no workshop next month.

The March In-person meeting will feature the return of Mini-Workshops. A couple of the demonstrators have been determined but they are actively searching for a couple more folks willing to do one or ideas on what members would like to see.

A short Show & Tell concluded the evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue McGuire, Secretary





Challenge quilts at the Hinesburg Library (see page 2 for more)

Catherine Redford Zoom workshop on January 11 produced at least one finished project! Marti used some "orphan" blocks to practice the walking foot quilting and then finished into "mug rugs"



CONDOLENCES

Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Carol Derda, 85, of Willow Grove, PA. Carol was a long time member of the guild.

NAME TAG RAFFLE IS BACK!!

We are reviving the "Name Tag Raffle"!

It is very easy, wear your name tag, put your name on a slip of paper and place it into the container. During the business meeting the winner will be chosen and a prize given.

With a number of new members, it is important to get to know our fellow quilters and wearing your name tag is helpful.

Please email me at lindapark@gmavt.net if you need a new name tag and I will have it at the March meeting.

Linda Park & Catherine Symchych
Membership Co-Chairs





Back in person for March 4!

Meet at Holy Family Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m., Program begins at 7 p.m.

“Mini Presentations and Techniques by CVQG members”

Join members of our own guild as they share brief presentations highlighting techniques to improve and expand your quilting. Expected topics are machine binding, needle turn applique, and raw-edge fusible applique.

April 1—Janice and David Jones “Seeing the Every Day in an Abstract Way”

The husband and wife team of Janice and David Jones share a passion for creating art. In "An Artist's Journey," Janice will relate her story as a quilter and show examples of her work. She will focus on the inspiration and story behind her pieces and explain the materials and techniques she uses. David, an artist who works in oil, talks about his background and shows samples of his oil paintings. Then they present work that they have collaborated on. The audience sees David's work in oil and Janice's reinterpretation in fabric side-by-side while hearing about the inspiration behind the two pieces.

Workshop on April 2, 2025 In Person Location TBD

9am-3pm Cost: \$60 members \$70 non-members

This workshop will focus on taking fabric, paint (or any medium) spread on a surface, which the artist then reviews and studies to see the abstract shape that will become the driving idea for the finished art quilt, painting (or drawing). The goal will be to compose an art quilt or artwork using this technique during the session and elicit peer class attendee ideas and input during the process. Students will be astonished and excited by the end result of this technique. Simple step-by-step techniques to create abstract work will also be demonstrated.



May 6—Linda Diak “Methods to My Madness”



Linda is a Vermont textile artist specializing in art quilts that capture an emotion, a memory, a special place in time.

Linda will put together an entertaining trunk show of her work, detailing the pieces and her methods.

Learn more about Linda at her website <https://www.lindadiakquilts.com/>