



# Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

## February 2026



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, it is very cold outside and tomorrow will be colder, so far, tomorrow will be the coldest day this year! Bundle up everyone and stay warm in your sewing/creating spaces. After this cold snap, the snow will be headed our way in VT, it is proving to be a white January. All that winter weather, motivates me to sew/create more, the snow/cold doesn't look that bad from my sewing room window. However you manage the VT winter, may you finish some projects!

Looking forward to our February Guild meeting, this is virtual:

February 3, 2026  
**Pagtinabangay:** The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island  
**Speaker:** Dana Jones

Thank you to our program leaders.

Joy Schekter, President

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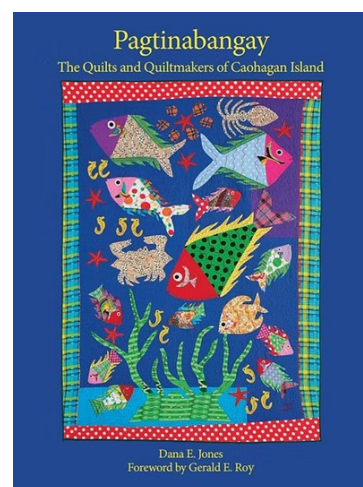
## FEBRUARY 3—ZOOM

### SIGN-IN AT 6:30, MEETING AT 7 P.M.



#### THE QUILTS AND QUILTMAKERS OF CAOHAGAN ISLAND—DANA JONES

Dana is an accomplished quilt maker based in Colorado. She will talk to us about a group of quilt makers on a tiny island in the central Philippines as you enjoy images and stories of the colorful quilts. You'll see photos of more than 50 of these handmade, one-of-a-kind quilts plus be introduced to the unique techniques developed by these quiltmakers whose tools are simply fabric and scissors, needle and thread. I spent more than a month on the island, quilted with the residents, went fabric shopping with them on nearby Cebu Island, and snorkeled the reef that surrounds Caohagan. Those who view the quilts come away smiling, inspired by the creativity of these women and men. This lecture is perfect for warming up a winter guild meeting.



Learn more about Dana at her site <https://www.danajonesquilts.com/>

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

January 6, 2026

This meeting was held via Zoom with 52 attendees plus the speaker.

Speaker -- Debbie introduced Pattie Klimek from San Francisco. She is a hand piecer and hand quilter with an interest in historical quilting of the 1920s and 1930s. She gave a very interesting talk concentrating on the work of 4 influential quilters from this timeframe, their careers designing and publishing quilt patterns for newspapers and magazines. She also spoke of the impact of Sears requests of quilts for the Century of Progress exhibition of 1933.

Business Meeting

Announcements by Joy

Claire Graham-Smith wanted us to know that Maria Shell's talk "Tales of a Stitcher" was excellent and the recording is still available to watch online (fee is \$40).

Program chairs announce that the workshop scheduled for Sat, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and tentatively rescheduled to Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sue Rivers would like to collect raffle ticket stubs and income from sales of tickets, they can be mailed to her or given to her at the March meeting.

Chris Wrobel is the coordinator for Quilt Show raffle baskets/totes. Last show we filled 24 totes. A workshop to make totes will be held on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at Yankee Pride from 10-2.

2026 Show – Jo Frymire, chair of the April 2026 Show, reminded us that the theme is "Star Struck" and dates are April 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration for quilt entries and volunteers will both be available on the website in February. Vendors are under contract. All are welcome to attend the next Show meeting in 2 weeks. Ways to get involved –

Marti DelNevo is the chair of the craft room. You can make items to sell on consignment, a portion of proceeds go to the Guild

Raffle Baskets/Totes. Come help make totes (see above), contribute baskets or donate a group of items to fill the totes with goodies.

Linda Park is volunteer coordinator. Sign up online to volunteer.

Make a challenge quilt having to do with the theme "Star Struck", can be any size.

Burlington Quilt Show – Jo is also coordinating our involvement in this June show (18-20<sup>th</sup>) run by an outside company. We will have a booth with our 2027 Raffle Quilt tickets for sale along with pre-made items for sale and a group of display quilts. Classes will be offered at this show.

Community Quilts – Carol Bloomhardt announced a Sew-In next Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> primarily to make hugging pillows for the hospital cardiac unit. Joy will try to get a photo of patients using them. For the Sew-In, Carol and Audrey Moore will have quilt kits and pillowcase fabric available; they ask anyone that has finished projects to bring them. They also presented 4 quilts to Habitat for residents moving into one of their new homes in South Burlington.

Gruppe Gallery – Mary Neighbours said we are set with the gallery for a quilt exhibit and sale to run from Oct 15<sup>th</sup> to Nov 15<sup>th</sup> this year. There are 7 members participating currently. If you would like to sell quilts in this venue (small sizes recommended), contact Mary. The gallery takes a commission on the sales.

February Program – Debbie Hernberg announced that our February speaker, also by Zoom, will be Dana Jones, presenting a talk on quilts from an island in the Philippines.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue McGuire, Secretary



The Challenge quilts from 2025 were hung in the Hinesburg Library on January 2 and will be there through February.  
Jo Frymire & Nancy Suarez



## STAR STRUCK IS COMING SOON!! 2026 QUILT SHOW UPDATE



We are 3 months away from an amazing show. Carol Bloomhardt is working hard with Marti DelNevo to get registration up and running in February. Remember it is all on line again this time. Nancy Suarez has found amazing vendors for us. Joanne Latrell has contracted with two judges to judge our quilts and give us useful feedback. Sue McGuire put together our rack card. Look for them in quilt shops they are really great. Chris Wrobel is hard at work organizing the raffle baskets/totes. Linda Park will have the volunteer needs up before our March meeting.

There is a lot more going on so you all need to do your part and get those quilts made!!!

Our show is always great because of all of you.

Jo Frymire, Show Chair

**APRIL 23, 24, 26 AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**

### CHALLENGE QUILTS 2026-2027

There has been some confusion about the theme and timing this year. Our theme is the same as the show-Star Struck. Obviously, the quilts you make with that theme would be great for the show but we will also have the usual review at the June meeting. So if you don't have it ready for the show you can still bring it to the June meeting and then they will be hung up around Chittenden County.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Suarez or Jo Frymire

### SHOW CRAFT ROOM

We are hoping to expand our craft room at the show this year. We know a lot of you make many different crafts so think about selling them at the show. You receive 70% of the price unless you volunteer at the show then you get 80%! So, search to see what you have and think about what you would like to make!

If you have any questions, contact Marti DelNevo

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026—RAFFLE TOTE WORKSHOP - JOIN US!

Saturday, February 28, 2026 a Tote Workshop will be held at Yankee Pride "bunker" from 10AM to 1 PM to create beautiful totes for the April 2026 CVQG Quilt Show basket/tote raffle fundraiser.

All participants are invited to enjoy a day sewing together to produce a showcase Tote to be filled with gifts and raffled at the Quilt Show. Bring your own lunch, drink, sewing machine, thread. 2-3 Tote patterns will be available from simple to more complex.

Simple materials to bring or purchase at Yankee Pride: generally 1 1/2 yards of each:

Cut 2 Body - 18" x 18"

Cut 2 Lining - 18" x 18"

Cut 2 Straps - 3" x 25" or bring strapping

Cut 2 Fusible Fleece 18" x 18" optional

You can make your squares larger or smaller to suit your ideal tote bag.

The seam allowance is 1/2" so the finished size will be 1" smaller than the squares you cut.

Embellish however you wish. I'm making mine out of a Brooks Brothers men's shirt!

2026 Raffle Basket/Tote Committee: Chris Wrobel, Pamela Farnsworth, Martha Raab-Hall



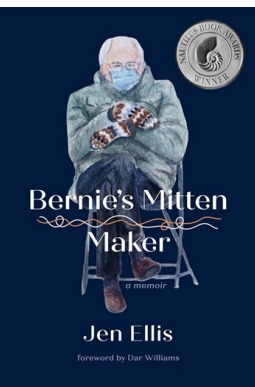
**CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of Claire T. Fortin, who passed away at home in Colchester on December 22, 2025. She was a guild member and started a long-arm quilting business "Jericho Quilts" after retiring.

## March 3—back in person at Holy Family Parish Hall!



**CRAZY QUILTS AND TRUNK SHOW**—SPEAKER JANE MASENAS  
Come hear our own guild member, Jane Masenas, share her quilts and experience.

"I have been designing crazy quilts since the 90's and have been a member of this guild since we use to meet in Shelburne. I do not sell my work so I have over 40 crazy quilts of many different sizes, materials, and techniques. I have taught crazy quilt construction and embellishment for many years. I will try to share ideas that I incorporate in my quilts that can work well on many different types of quilts. I look forward to speaking to our guild again."

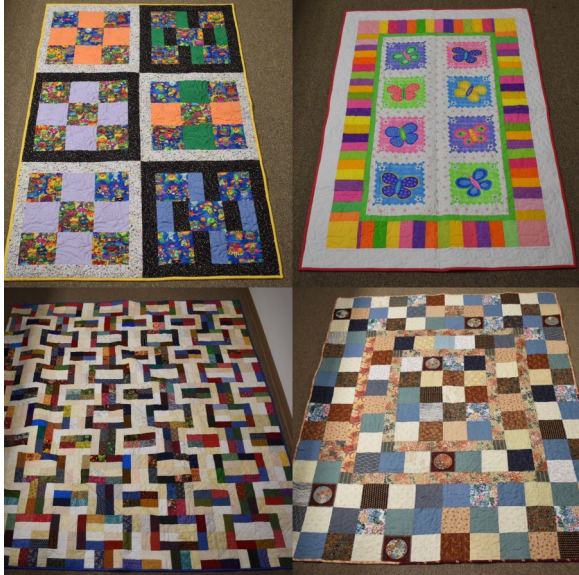


**April 7**—Jen Ellis of Bernie's mitten fame will be our featured speaker at the April 2026 meeting. To learn more about her and get excited for the program, you can purchase a copy of the book on our website and then pick up at Yankee Pride. Books are \$15

## SEW-IN NEWS

We had a great time making pillows for the hospital. We completed 19 pillows and have 34 ready to stuff. Four quilts were delivered to Habitat for Humanity for their January dedications. We are looking for 4 double/queen quilts, 3 twin teenage boy quilts, 2 twin girl (7 years old) quilts, and one twin boys (7 years old) quilt for their June dedications. If you are interested in making one of these quilts let us know. We do have fabric and batting to make quilts.

Carol Bloomhardt and Audrey Moore



Sewing....



Stuffing & finishing



