



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

March 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, it is so wonderful to see the days getting longer. We have had a lovely sunny February, even though it has been cold. As I write this, I believe we are going to get some snow this week – enjoy your sewing spaces, the snow looks lovely while looking out the window. Would like to take a moment and thank everyone who worked on the donation of surgical pillows for the hospital. Patients love them and they are grateful for a soft splint while coughing or sneezing!

Looking forward to March Guild meeting, live and in person:

Lecture: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Holy Family Parish Community Center

Gather at 6:30 p.m. / Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Crazy Quilts and Trunk Show

Speaker: Jane Masenas

Thank you to our program leaders.

Joy Schekter, President

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WE'RE BACK IN PERSON AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL!

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

GATHER AT 6:30, MEETING BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

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."



Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

February 3, 2026

This meeting was held via Zoom with 39 attendees.

Speaker – Mary Neighbours introduced Dana Jones from Colorado. She has been a writer and editor for quilt magazines, designed patterns, taught classes and authored quilt books.

The presentation was about her time visiting the quilters of Caohagan Island (population around 600) in the Philippines. Examples showed their unique designs, and she explained how their techniques are based on doing almost all work by hand using few of our modern patterns or our measuring and cutting tools. It was interesting to hear how making quilts for sale has helped their economy and is now ingrained in their culture. A most enjoyable program!

Business Meeting – Joy began the meeting at 8:30.

2026 Show – Jo Frymire, chair of the April 2026 Show gave these updates –

The website will be ready for registration of quilt entries shortly; an email will be sent to confirm it is ready.

Chris Wrobel, chair of raffle baskets/totes will hold a tote making workshop on Feb 28th.

Marti DelNevo can be contacted if you have any questions about the Craft Room. Various f items can be offered for sale with the guild receiving a percentage. Makers do the pricing.

Vendors have all been contracted by Nancy Suarez.

Ribbon making is in process by a group -- Sue McGuire, Ruth Whitiker, Hope Johnson and Anne Standish.

Linda Park, the volunteer coordinator, will have signup capability on the website in March.

Programs – Mary N announced that our March speaker, live at the meeting hall, will be Guild member Jane Masenas, presenting a Crazy Quilt Trunk Show.

In April, Jan Ellis will talk about her experiences and sudden fame resulting from being the maker of “Bernie’s Mittens”. Copies of her book are for sale (\$15) on the Guild website; they can then be picked up at Yankee Pride.

Community Quilts – Audrey Moore notified us of a Community Quilts workshop this coming Friday from 10-2 at Yankee Pride. They will be making pillows for cardiac patients at the hospital. Carol Bloomhardt said if you have any pillowcases or quilts for CQ or need batting or other supplies to make your contributions, the workshop is a good time to connect with the CQ chairs. Chris W will also bring some baskets for folks to take and fill for the Show raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39. (A record for a short business meeting?)

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McGuire, Secretary

FOR SALE: Handi Quilter Capri Longarm Quilting Machine

\$6,250.00

- Condition: Used – like new
- Low stitch count: less than 110,000 stitches
- Insight adjustable table
- Bobbin winder
- Miscellaneous accessories, including extra bobbins, needles, and threads
- Lots of rulers, some used, some new
- User manual and getting started videos on USB drive

Contact: Diane Kellogg at kelloggdm@gmail.com or call 269-781-1044. I live in the Town of Essex.



STAR STRUCK QUILT SHOW-COMING SOON!!!

The show committee had their monthly meeting and things are happening! Registration is open! It is all on line like last time so get those quilts registered. Opportunities to volunteer will be available soon on line and certainly at the March meeting. We will have rack cards available at the meeting so think about where you could leave some. Continue to make those items for the craft room-earn some for you and for the guild.

If you have any questions about anything to do with the show let me know.
Jo Frymire, Show Chair

April 24, 25, 26 at Holy Family Parish Hall!



"Stitched Together: Quilts Tell American Stories" is a quilt exhibit running from February 13th to March 28th at The Chandler Gallery, 71 N. Main Street, in Randolph, VT., Tues.-Sat. 12-5pm, 802-728-9878, www.chandler-arts.org.



TOTE WORKSHOP – On Saturday, February 28 at 11 AM to 2 PM a free Tote Workshop at Yankee Pride is offered to CVQG Members.

The Totes will be filled with themed gifts and donated to the 2026 Quilt Show for Basket/Tote Raffle fundraising event in April 2026.

2-3 pattern options will be available with instruction. BYO lunch as well as materials listed below (or purchase at Yankee Pride).

1 1/2 yards of fabric, one or two contrasting fabrics (outside and inside) and/or handles.

Fusible interfacing (optional)

Sewing machine, sturdy needles, thread.

Webbing for handles (also optional)

Contact guild treasurer Chris Wrobel for more information

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Guild Meeting— April 7—Jen Ellis of Bernie's Mittens fame! Books available on our website for \$15 and can be picked up at Yankee Pride.

April 11 & 12—26th Annual Franklin County Quilt Show
Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12 2026
Saturday: 9:00AM-4:00PM, Sunday: 10:00AM-3:00PM
Saint Albans City Hall 100 North Main Street

April 24, 25, 26—Star Struck—CVQG Quilt Show! see Page 3 for details

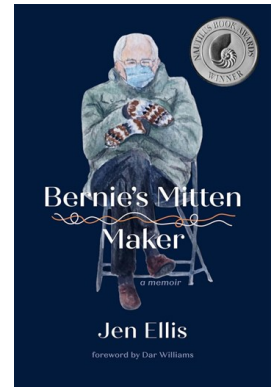


May 5—Our speaker will be Judy Thomas, owner of Yankee Pride Quilt Shop

She'll talk about buying fabric to fill her store and catch our eyes whenever we go to YP.

June 2—Annual June pot luck and voting on officers as well as the budget for 2026-27 guild year. See the proposed budget in the May newsletter.

June 18, 19, 20—The inaugural The Vermont Quilt Show at the DoubleTree Expo Center in South Burlington, VT. This new event features over 200 quilts, 60+ vendors, 25+ classes, and free admission/parking. It is a new, independent, and separate show from the formerly held Vermont Quilt Festival. Note: our guild will have a display and our 2027 Raffle Quilt will debut!



This is a Quilter's Decision Stone



Toss it into the air. If it comes back down...
✳️You're legally obligated to buy fabric✳️
(We don't make the rules. Gravity does.)