



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

April 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, we have had a bit of a tease with a few days in the 60s, wow that was nice. As I write this, it is 14 degrees, sunny, but oh so cold. It is wonderful to hear the birds are back, I love hearing them in the morning while I drink my tea. I am having some work done on my sewing room, currently, it is packed up, sadly, my sewing machines are tucked away as the contractor tapes and muds the ceiling and re-paints it. It is a messy time, but it will be bright and fresh when it is all done! For me, it is a time to dream of the things I will sew in a few weeks when the room is finished. I hope you are all enjoying your sewing spaces and/or your creative outlets.

Looking forward to our April 7 Guild meeting, live and in person!

Thank you to our program leaders.

Joy Schekter, President

YOU WILL BE STAR STRUCK SOON!!! Show dates: April 24, 25, 26



Our show is less than a month away and we need you!!! The committee is putting together a great show, but we need our members.

WE NEED MORE QUILTS!!! Please pick out one of your favorites and enter it in the show! See the website for all the details.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS- there is no way to make this happen without your help on the days of the show. Please check the website for the volunteer sheet and add your name.

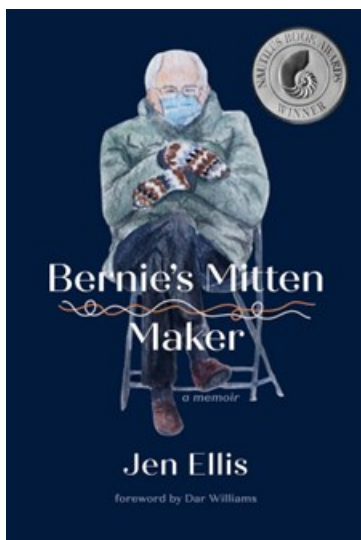
If you have any questions, please let me know joannaspenfrymire@gmail.com

Jo Frymire, Show Chair

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

MEETING AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

GATHER AT 6:30, MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.



Tonight's speaker, Jen Ellis, has written a book about her story from being a Vermont teacher, mother, and crafter to being a famous internet phenomenon. An interesting read about growing up and Vermont life.

Jen is offering the books at a discount to our members. Copies will be available at the meeting, and will cost \$15, cash or personal check made out to Jen Ellis, with a blank note line.

Any questions, contact Mary Neighbours. 802-233-9595 or neighbours.mary@gmail

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild

March 3, 2026

This meeting was held live at Holy Family church after last two meetings held online.

Speaker – Jane Masenas, a longtime member of the Guild, was our guest speaker. Jane's special skill and preference is Crazy quilts. She teaches classes and has had many of her articles and quilts published in magazines. Dozens of examples of her work were shared with us, highlighting her use of different techniques, varieties of fabric and embellishments. She noted that her quilts are based either on a theme (flowers, cultures, etc.) or inspiration from "found" fabric, items like purses or beading she has collected over the years. Attendees had to have a closer look at the details of her exquisite work during the break. Note that Jane also contributes 'fidget quilts' to the Community Quilts program to be distributed to memory care residents.

Business Meeting – Joy began the meeting at 8:15.

Show Totes – Chris Wrobel spoke about the recent successful tote workshop and noted the totes and baskets placed at each table. She encouraged members to take one to fill with items to raffle at the 'teacup auction' at the Show. These filled totes or other loose items can be brought to the next meeting or to the show site when quilts are being collected. Contact Chris to make other arrangements.

2027 Raffle Quilt – Chris also announced that, with the help of several Guild members, the new quilt is complete. She thanked Karen Abrahamovich for graciously donating the machine quilting. It will be available to display to sell raffle tickets at the Burlington Quilt Show and the Fair in August.

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

Quilt registrations are trickling in for inclusions in the Show, only fourteen so far. All are encouraged to get their quilt entered for the contest through the Guild website.

Volunteers are needed for setup, takedown, admissions, craft room and other jobs during the Show, Linda Park oversees volunteers and had signup sheets at the member's table. Since some members noted problems signing up online, Marti will work on the website to fix any issues; Linda can also be contacted directly. Everyone is encouraged to help.

Show advertising 'rack cards' were available for members to bring to sites to announce the show – senior centers, libraries, hairdressers are all suggestions for placement.

Vendors, ribbons, judges and other details have been arranged or are in progress.

The Craft room will have library books and member items to sell; makers price items and the guild keeps a percentage of each sale. Let Marti know if you have any questions.

We will again be featured in a segment of 'Across the Fence' on WCAX to advertise the show, an email will be sent to let members know the date and time it will be aired.

Burlington Quilt Show – Jo is also coordinating Guild participation at this June show. We will have a table and a display of quilts, hopefully our show's 'Best of Show' and 'Viewer's Choice' quilts will be available to include in this display. Jo has cards with time and date details, more information on volunteering to (wo)man the booth will be forthcoming.

Raffle Quilt, Fair & Sept meeting – Sue Rivers said she has received more raffle tickets for the 2026 Quilt to sell during this year's show. She hopes everyone will keep their schedule clear to be able to sell tickets for the 2027 raffle quilt at the Fair in August. She also noted that because Labor Day is so late this year, the Fair is still in session for what would be our September Guild meeting on September 1st. She recommends we move the monthly meeting by a week to September 8th. The Guild board will address this at their next meeting.

Programs – Mary Neighbours announced that our April speaker will be Jen Ellis to talk about her experiences and sudden fame from making "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 – Carol Bloomhardt noted that kits for pillowcases were on each table for members to make; pediatric patients at the hospital are so appreciative of these donations. The last CQ workshop resulted in completion of many pillows for cardiac patients.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

A Show-and-Tell of member quilts followed the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McGuire, Secretary



12.29.25
Dear Audrey,
On behalf of the Ronald McDonald House & the families we serve, thank you so much for the beautiful quilts and blankets. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to each person who created a quilt or blanket. They will be enjoyed for years to come by the children & families we serve!
Sincerely,
RMHC Staff

COMMUNITY QUILTS—NEXT MEETING APRIL 17

Ronald McDonald House sent a thank for the quilts and knitted blankets we provided.

Our next scheduled sew-in falls on Friday April 3. Since this is a holy day for some we will not meet that Friday. On April 17 we will be stuffing pillows for the hospital.

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS

Jeanne Detenbeck, a decades-long member of CVQG, passed away peacefully on February 23 at the NH Memory Care facility near her daughter where she has resided for several years. Among other roles in the Guild, she acted as President and Show Co-Chair.

Jeanne created and gifted two wall quilts to Shelburne Farms as a Thank You for their having hosted the CVQG show. They were hung in the Farm Barn Education Center.

Quiltsmith, a former quilt shop in Shelburne, was owned by Jeanne and a few friends. She taught many new quilters and specialized in free-motion quilting during early days of popularity. She was one of the Once a Century Quilters who designed and created the Shelburne Bicentennial Quilt in 1991. It continues to be displayed in town offices.

Her friendship quilting group, that has been meeting for over 30 years, will especially mourn her. Jeanne was proud of the "Queen Mum" moniker they gave her along with an adorned hat she wore at every opportunity. She will be missed.

Editor's note: if anyone has pictures of Jeanne's Shelburne Farms quilts, please send them to svivers284@gmail.com for inclusion in a future newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 13-15—Jane Masenas, our March speaker, will be teaching a workshop at the Strong House in Vergennes April 13 through 15. The course is Embroidery and Quilting: Using Ties and Embroidery in Your Quilts. You can also attend as a day student. Please contact the Strong House for pricing and additional details.

April 17—sew in at Yankee Pride—stuffing pillows for the hospital

April 24, 25, 26—Star Struck—CVQG Quilt Show!

Guild meeting May 5—(Cinco de Mayo!), our good friend Judy Thomas from Yankee Pride will speak on the types of fabric that we can purchase in the store. Quality is essential and Judy will tell us what she looks for when she orders fabric; additionally, we hope she'll tell us about the colors and designs that appeal to her clientele.

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!

