



Champlain Valley Quilters Guild

May 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, the April Quilt Show was so amazing, thank you to Jo and her leadership and all the volunteers who worked together on the show committee to create such a great event. I am so proud to see so much talent in our guild. Spring is upon us in VT and is so lovely to look outside and see the "spring green" alive with all the trees budding. Nature's pallet is so beautiful.

Again, thank you to everyone for a very successful Quilt Show. We will be discussing the 2027 Budget in May and announcing the new candidates for the board positions.

Looking forward to May Guild meeting, live and in person!

Joy Schekter, President



STAR STRUCK—As I write this, we are one week away from opening. Details about the show will be in the June newsletter. And pictures!



Jo Frymire, Show Chair

MAY 5—JUDY THOMAS!



Our speaker in May will be our friend Judy Thomas from Yankee Pride Quilt Shop. Judy will tell us not only about running a quilt shop, but running a successful quilt shop. It's not all just sewing and selling fabric; a lot goes on behind the scenes. In her 44 years of business, Judy will relate her insight into the process of owning the shop.

Join us at Holy Family Parish Hall. Gathering begins at 6:30, meeting to start at 7 p.m.

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April 7, 2026

Speaker – Jen Ellis, a local Vermonter, was our featured speaker. She is the maker of the mittens worn by Bernie Sanders for the Biden inauguration and made famous by memes. She spoke of the trials of the media blitz that followed and read excerpts from her book that included reminiscing on her crafting and quilting experiences. Members found it to be an entertaining presentation.

Business Meeting – Joy began the meeting at 8:05.

2026-27 Officers

Joy announced that she, Guild President and Judy Shaw, VP will step down after this season.

The membership co-chairs, Linda Park and Catherine Symchych also are choosing to give up their positions after many years. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these positions or nominating anyone else, please contact Joy. Note, the membership chair position can be held by either one person or shared with another member.

2026 Show – Jo Frymire, chair of the April 2026 Show gave updates and made requests –

Everyone is asked to take Yard signs to install their area to advertise the Show.

Announcements have now been sent out to the media outlets.

The WCAX taping of an episode of 'Across the Fence' is scheduled for next week, an email will be sent out about the date it will be aired.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were available at the meeting or on the website. Many more volunteers are needed for all kinds of positions before, after and during the Show. Linda Park is the coordinator if you have any questions.

A notice has gone out to those that have posted previously on Front Porch Forum, please help spread the word by adding a post to your local FPF.

Note – the Franklin County Quilt Show is this weekend in St. Albans, attending helps support another Guild in our area.

Drop off for quilts entered in the Show is Tuesday evening before the Show. Mary Neighbours is the committee member in charge of drop-offs. This is also an ideal time to drop off your contributions of filled totes/baskets or items to fill those totes.

Website—Joy announced for Marti DelNevo that the website will soon be moving to a Point of Sale system.

Community Quilts – Carol Bloomhardt read a thank you from Ronald McDonald House for the quilts delivered to them. She noted that they receive effusive verbal thanks from all the venues where quilts are donated.

It would be helpful to the CC chairs if you would note the size of quilts or quilt tops you donate to make it easier to find backs/bindings and to sort finished quilts for distribution.

Joy will ask the various hospital departments what their current needs are for new donations.

Budget – Chris Wrobel, our Treasurer said that the budget for 2026-7 Guild year is being drawn up for a June vote; any suggestions for budget items are welcome.

Nametag Raffle – Linda Park drew a name from jar with names of those wearing their nametag, Rose Orr was the winner of a packet of fabric.

Kay Courson – Fabric was passed out to sign to include in a quilt for Kay who is closing Country Thyme quilt shop in Troy. She is well known for her shop and vending at quilt shows. Carol B told us how generous she has been by discounting sale fabric even further for our Community Quilt needs.

Challenge Quilts – Nancy Suarez reminded us that our quilts to be entered in the challenge 'Star Struck' are due at the June meeting when there will be a vote for the Guild favorite. Any interpretation of the theme and any size quilt is welcome.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

The meeting was followed by a wonderful Show-and-Tell of member quilts.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McGuire, Secretary

COMMUNITY QUILT NEWS

April showers bring May flowers! We will be making flower blocks in our May Sew-Ins. Come join the fun Saturday mornings May 1 and May 15 from 10 to Noon at Yankee Pride.

Carol & Audrey



Comfort pillows made in April



Once again, CVQG members will be able to access the Global Quilt Connection's Sampler Platter, May 16-17, 2026, 3-6 pm. On Saturday, May 16, you can learn how to piece accurately by hand or machine, how to create tumbling blocks, make bags and baskets, sew applique, and more! On Sunday, May 17, you can learn what to do with African Prints, how to create a mola or a Celtic quilt, how to scribble on fabric or add other media to the fabric, and more! What a deal! To view who is teaching and each teacher's subject, go to: globalquiltconnection.com/samplerplatters

You will receive a link in your email that allows access to the Sampler Platter about 10 days before the event.

Dana Jones, who was our speaker last February and told us all about life and the quilts that are made on the little island of Caohagan in the Philippines, has a new book that will be available in August. *Designing for Paper Piecing* takes a new approach to foundation paper piecing where y-seams and turned corners are allowed. Dana guides you through making a design, and then translating it into reality. You can preorder the book from [Schiffer Craft](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Bookshop.org](#), [Amazon](#), and more.

The Gruppe Art Gallery will be holding a quilt exhibit and sale October 15 – November 15, 2026. You are invited to participate. Our current vision is to sell primarily wall quilts, although larger quilts and smaller items like potholders, mug rugs, and luggage tags are encouraged. The Gallery's owner, Emily Alexander, strongly suggests that innovative designs be used in the creation of items.

As of now, there are 7 people interested in the exhibit, but we would love to have more. Since the sale is not until October, that also gives you time to make one or two items for the Gallery. If you're interested, contact Mary Neighbours: 802-233-9595 or neighbours.mary@gmail.com

JUNE 2—POT LUCK MEETING! Join us at 5:30 for our annual June potluck dinner and voting on next year's budget! Elect officers for guild year 2026-27. See the 2027 raffle quilt!

Dinner at 6, meeting begins at 7! Full 2026 Star Struck show report! Bring a dish to share and your own place settings.



VERMONT QUILT SHOW—June 18-20

Our guild has been asked to participate in the Vermont Quilt Show June 18, 19, & 20. There is no cost to us and no cost to those whose quilts we hang. There is also no admission fee. We will need lots of quilts. By the May meeting I will have tried to figure how many. Please think about any quilts you have (that have sleeves) that you would like the quilting world to see. There are no rules about whether you've shown the quilt before or size.

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

Jo Frymire

