

CVQG

Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of New York

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President's Message

Last week, Pete and I delivered 185 pillowcases to Ted Kessler, executive director of Camp Ta-kum-ta at their new location in Hero, Vermont. Ted is a truly remarkable man who drives from his home in Waterbury every day and spend 15 hours at the camp preparing for their young visitors. Fourteen years ago Ted was given 6 months to live; after 9 surgeries for cancer he's still dedicated to his cause of managing Ta-kum-ta.

When we stopped, high school students were there for the day. One group was weeding and planting flowers, some were cleaning the patio and another crew was building new cabins for campers. Every day a bus full of volunteers from a different school or business shows up to work. Ted showed us the foundations for 2 new buildings that he said would be completed within a week to house their arts and crafts and to store their vast collection of costumes and prom clothes. During camp week, volunteer seamstresses are there to make adjustments to the outfits the campers will need for the various activities that go on.

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We got the tour of the main building which has all new bunk beds and renovated bathrooms. On a wall in the great room were pictures of children enjoying their special week. Ted pointed out one particular girl and told us about her. She was thrilled when she got to camp and heard they were all getting a balloon ride during the week. Ted promised her she would get to go up in it. Shortly after, she went into a coma. Ted called

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Featured Quilter Sue Minnie

Hi, I'm Sue Minnie. I enjoyed sewing for many years making clothing for myself and my daughters when we were all much, much younger. My road to quilting and the Guild is filled with old and new friends. They are the reason that I am such an avid quilter.



One fall, I went to a craft show at work and Maria Oquendo had one of her amazing quilts there. I was fascinated by it and talked to her about quilting. She said she loved it and

encouraged me to try it. Well, I never did find time while I was working but remembered it when I retired in 2008 and took the Beginning Quilting class at Loose Threads. I was hooked! A bit later I met Kathi McCleery at a local volunteer activity. We started talking about quilting and she said that she goes to the quilting class at the Senior Center on Monday mornings and she invited me to come. Off I went the next Monday morning to meet Kathi. There I met Carolyn Tyndall, who teaches the class, and a couple of other ladies who attended. I brought whatever I was working on and they did all of the oohing and aahing - much more than it deserved - I sure loved all of the talking, laughing, and positive reinforcement. I've been going every Monday since then.

Carolyn and Kathi talked about the Guild and all of the fun things that happen there so I joined the Guild. I found I was having a great time at the Guild and when the Outreach Coordinator was open, I volunteered to do it. It is an incredibly rewarding and fun-filled opportunity and I have met so many great and generous members as a

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Presidents Message continued

her parents to ask if they wanted her back home with them. Her mother said no, her daughter really looked forward to coming to Ta-kum-ta and wanted so much to be there, that if they would keep her, that's where she knew her daughter wanted to be. On the day of the balloon ride, Ted kept his promise and with some medical staff carried the girl, still unconscious, to the balloon, and up they went. When they were about 50 feet up in the air, the girl woke up, looked around and was elated to see where she was. She turned to everyone and said "I'm on my way to heaven!" She lost her battle with cancer a month later, but her story is just one example of the importance of the camp. Survivor or not, for one week each child is a camper and every effort is made to make their time there extra special. There may be 3 adults caring for each child because of his or her medical needs, but their joy shines through in every photo on the wall. Every pillowcase we donate goes to a worthy recipient, but I felt privileged to deliver on your behalf, the guild's contribution to a wonderful organization. Thanks to everyone who answered the call to complete our mission. I forgot to take my camera with me to Ta-kum-ta but we stopped and bought a disposable camera. As soon as I get the pictures developed, I'll see that they get posted on our website. Keep cranking out those pillowcases during the summer - Sue will find good homes for them! Looking for some "piece" and quiet, Lorene

President's Update

Jean Welch volunteered to chair library from September to November and again from April to June. This leaves December to March. If someone volunteers to cover this period of time, great. If no one does, we'll go with what we've got and suspend library during those 4 winter months.

Two members volunteered to be on the meeting location committee. I will add this to old business for the June 9 meeting, requesting more participation.

I signed a contract with Maria Alexander to secure our dates for the 2010-2011 guild year meetings.



PENNSYLVANIA QUILT
TRIP SEPT. 16-19, 2010

THANK YOU QUILTERS
FOR GETTING YOUR
2ND PAYMENT IN ON
TIME. WE NOW HAVE 41
PERSONS ON THE BUS
WITH 14 SEATS STILL
AVAILABLE. IT'S NOT
TOO LATE TO GET ON
BOARD.

A INFORMATION SHEET
WILL BE AVAILABLE
AND ALSO ON LINE FOR
YOU TO DOWNLOAD.
START THINKING
ABOUT ALL THOSE FALL
PROJECTS AND THE
FABRICS YOU WILL
NEED.

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Sue continued

result of it. I just love it so you will see me at the Outreach table again next year.

My second quilt was a king quilt, which I did as a "quilt as you go" with hours and hours of hand work (my least favorite thing) to attach the sections together. That convinced me that I wanted to find another way to quilt and I purchased a long arm and a frame. My free-hand quilting was just awful. I love anything to do with computers so I got a computerized quilting system. I love my setup and it has given me many hours of pleasure. I enjoy it so much that I've started a long arm quilting business - maybe I'll end up with a second career.

I sew with the Ladies of the Lake, the Monday Night Senior Center Group and with ladies from those groups and spend many hours in my sewing room. I attend the Guild meetings, the executive committee meetings, and the quilt show meetings and, of course, every quilt show that I can manage. I call it my hobby but my hubby jokes about my obsession as I come in with yet another shopping bag, another package arrives at our door, or I go to one more quilting activity. I have to say that I think he is right but I prefer to call it a passion. Thank you to all of my Guild friends for making my life so enjoyable.

Community Outreach

Our May donations were 32 quilts, 12 quilt tops, 3 heart pillows to be filled, 25 heart pillows, 51 pet beds, 8 pet beds to be filled, 85 pillowcases, 11 donations of quilt fabric, 2 of pet bed fabric, and 3 bags of fiberfill.

The Parkinson's Support Group met their goal of 16 panels so there will be a Clinton County Parkinson's Quilt – Yea! Congratulations to Judy Russell, Kate Del Signore, and everyone who worked to make this project a success – Great Job. Kate Del Signore has been loading the pictures to the Parkinson's Quilt Project Photos section in Facebook. She has also included all of the stories that were written with them and they are wonderful to read. When I looked at them today, many of our pictures were on pages 1 and 2 but will probably be further down when you read this newsletter. To find them, you can go to Facebook and search for "Parkinson's Quilt Project" or enter: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/ParkinsonsQuilt?v=wall&ref=ts>. There is also a "Panel Location" tab listing the states and other countries that the squares have come from and how many from each.

We made our goal for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta and Lorene delivered 185 pillowcases to them. Thanks to everyone's generosity, I still have a stash left. I have some designated for Social Services Foster Care that I will deliver in June. I wanted to wait until I had some additional pillowcases and some children's quilts to bring them as well.

I don't have any quilt kits this week but do have heart pillow and two pillowcase patterns and the pillowcase forms. Please stop by the Outreach table to visit us.

I entered our pillowcase donation in the One Million Pillowcase Challenge website. After ours were entered, there were a total of 86,295 pillowcases that have been donated. **Since we have finished our donation to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, you no longer need to wash and iron your completed pillowcases.**

If you need fabric for a quilt top, batting and/or backing, stop by the Outreach table and let us know and I will bring it to the next meeting. You can also e-mail or call me with the information (scminnie@verizon.net, 562-1267).

We would like to recognize and thank all of the generous contributors to the Community Outreach Program from 4/14/2010 to 5/12/2010.

Quilt Pantry Project (Quilt Tops/Quilting/Finishing Quilts/Completed Quilts/Fabric Donations) – Jacquie Barshow, Lora Barshow, Mary Lou Beauharnois, Shirley Beauharnois (Mary Lou Beauharnois), Dorothy Colby, Donna Crowningshield, Sarah Elmendorf, Pat Flath, Lorene Forttrell, Billie Hill, Norma Homburger, Diane Hull, Ladies of the Lake, Linda Maltzan, Kathi McCleery, Kerry Mero, Monday Night Senior Center Group, Brenda Racette, Pam Schafer, Teena Snow, Carolyn Tyndall, Marcia Wagner.

Pet Bed Project (Pet Beds/Fabric Donations) – Peggy DeCelle, Gina Doty, Sarah Elmendorf, Lorene Forttrell, Barbara Gordon, Diane Hull, Kathi McCleery, Outreach Committee, Velma Peryea, Brenda Racette, Edith Surprenant, Wanda Sweeney, Sandy Thornton.

Heart Pillow Project (Heart Pillows/Fiberfill/Fabric Donations) – Billie Hill, Diane Hull, Nancy Ellsworth and the Meadowbrook Residents, Karen Nichols, Pam Schafer.

Pillowcase Project – Mary Lou Beauharnois, Nancy Ellsworth, Lorene Forttrell, Mary Gagnier, Barbara Gordon, Norma Homburger, Elizabeth Klippel, Loose Threads, Brenda Racette, Marcia Wagner.

Ladies of the Lake: Lora Barshow, Mary Lou Beauharnois, Dorothy Colby, Carolyn Bird, Lorene Forttrell, Norma Homburger, Vivian Melin, Sue Minnie, Carolyn Tyndall, Nancy Wild, Sandy Zmyewski. **Monday Night Senior Center Group:** Connie Durocher, Sue Garrow, Sue Minnie, Jean Stow, Carolyn Tyndall, Sandy Zmyewski.

If I missed anyone, please let me know so I can correct it next month. We would appreciate it if you could be sure to give us your name when you bring a donation to us.

As a result of your great support, CVQG or our members distributed 51 Pet Beds this month to Adirondack Humane Society, Plattsburgh, NY. I will be distributing more items over the summer.

If you donate quilts or other items directly to an organization or you have an organization you would like us to donate to, please let us know.

Since there won't be another newsletter until September, I will send an Outreach Update e-mail with the contributors for June and the distributions that we do. If you do not wish to receive Outreach Update e-mails, please let me know and I will remove you from my list. If there are any special projects that you would like to see us do for next year, please let me know.

CVQG 2010 CLASSES

Date	Teacher	Location	Subject	Fee	Time
Mon. June 14	Jean Welch	Sen. Center	Tote Bag	\$10.00	6 - 9
Thurs. Sept. 9	Nancy DiDonato <i>Guest Speaker</i>	Point Au Roche	Thread Art Quilting	\$25.00	9 - ?
Tues. Sept. 28	Sandy Thornton	Gov. Center	Window Wall Hanging	\$10.00	6 - 9
Tues. Oct. 5	Pat Flath	Gov. Center	Appliqui Techniques*	\$10.00	6 - 9

* This is an appliqui techniques class. We will explore both hand appliqui and machine appliqui techniques. For the hand appliqui, we will look at needle turn and freezer paper techniques (and others as time allows). For the machine appliqui, we will predominately use a fusible technique with machine appliqui using the invisible stitch or button hole. Again, as time and interest allows, we will look at other hand and machine techniques. You will be the driving force for this three hour class. What technique do you need or want?

Date	Teacher	Location	Subject	Fee	Time
Sat. Oct. 16	Sue Donohue	TBA	Mexican Star	\$18.00	9:30 - 4
Mon. Oct. 25	Pat Flath	Sen. Center	Baltimore Twist*	\$50.00	6 - 9

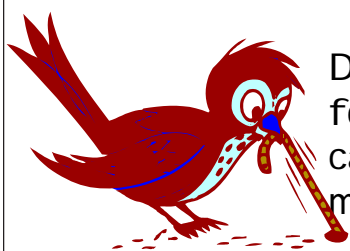
* There will be seven classes to do the Baltimore Twist. We will only be charging for five classes; you will receive two classes for free. The classes will be October 25th November 29th, January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, and May 23rd. We would like 20 people to sign up for this class.

Date	Teacher	Location	Subject	Fee	Time
Sat. Nov. 13 <i>or</i> Sat. Dec. 11	Pat Flath	Sen. Center	Machine Quilting (a.m.) Hand Quilting (p.m.)	\$10 for 1 \$18 for both	9 - 4
Mon. Nov. 15	Pat Flath	Sen. Center	T-Shirt Quilt	\$10.00	6 - 9
Sat. Jan. 15	Uta Wister	Sen. Center	Stack & Whack*	\$18.00	10 - 4

* For this class arrive at 9:30 for set up. The class will start at 10. Uta would like no more than 10 people to sign up for this class.

We have a great start for next fall's classes. If anyone would like to sign up for the classes this summer, please call or e-mail Kathy Russell so she can get the supply list to you. Kathy's phone number and e-mail address can be found on the back of the newsletter.

We really need more people to sign up for the guest speaker, Nancy DiDonato, who will be presenting on September 9th. We really had a great time with the singing quilter, Cathy Miller, last month. After going over the survey, the results indicated that a large majority would like to attend the Stack and Whack class. As indicated above, Uta will be teaching this class again on Saturday, January 15th.
The Kathy's wish you all a great summer and happy quilting! -The Kathy's



Don't forget your Early Bird membership. Send me a check for \$18.00 and save \$2.00. Ill send you your membership card and you wont have deal with at a guild meeting. Soooo much easier. Have a great summer and happy quilting. -Linda

CVQG Treasurers Report April 30

	Income	Expense
Block of the Month		
'09 Quilt Shot Profit	3010.54	—
Classes		
Fines		
PA Bus Trip	1836.71	140.00
Library		—
Membership		
Community Outreach	75.00	291.19
Programs	25.00	
Refreshments	26.00	
Bank	—	2.00
Newsletter	—	28.10
Door Prizes	—	
Web Page	—	134.35
Historian	—	25.52
Library	—	22.00
Rent	—	50.00
Speaker	—	915.00
Total	4973.25	1608.16

CVQG Quilt Show 2011

We had a wonderful meeting this week to start organizing for the show and I am so thankful for the show of enthusiasm and willingness to help. So far we have decided on the favor. It will be a fabric tag that can be attached to luggage, backpacks, gifts, etc. Some of these will feature an opening with a clear plastic window. They sew up quickly! We're asking that you put aside scraps whenever you cut fabric and sew them up a few at a time. The pattern and instructions will be available at the meeting. They will also be available online at our website. At the last show 750 favors were distributed so if we all do some this summer and get into the habit of stitching up a few whenever the machine is on they'll be done in no time. Would someone be willing to collect these and bring them to the show?

We have a new and improved entry form thanks to the hard work of Michelle Toth! No more figuring out the math!! and the entry forms will make organizing and returning the quilts easier. These will be printed soon and ready for your entries.

Many of you have graciously come forward to chair committees but we still need to fill the following: Decorations, Door Prizes, Memorial (if needed), Signs, Vendors, Show Hostesses, Raffle Quilt and a Show Secretary. Please consider signing up now to chair one of these committees. We will meet again in August and then monthly every third Wednesday. The location for the meeting is not yet determined.

Some fresh ideas and suggestions came up at the meeting - come join us, add yours, and have your voice heard. -Sue

Dear Show and Tellers,

Thank you from the Historian for the last couple years of you smiling at the camera, trying not to move your Show and Tell, moving closer to your Show and Tell, and just basically putting up with the shutterbug. -Pat

As a result of the participation in our Teddy Bears' Picnic project, our guild donated 35 animals to Meadowbrook Nursing Home and 30 to the pediatric ward at CVPH. Additionally, Jean Welch donated 10 on her own to hospice patients while she was in Florida last winter. Thanks to everyone who contributed.



At this time our calendar for next year is not complete and I don't know if this program will be penciled in again. However, anyone who wishes to donate a new animal or doll with a mini-quilt may do so at any meeting next year and I will accept them. When I have 10 or 12, I'll send them on their merry way to cheer people up. These small projects do not go unnoticed in the community. -Lorene

Minutes of the CVQG

May 12, 2010 Monthly Meeting

President Lorene Forttrell called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. following the presentation by Cathy Miller, the Singing Quilter. Lorene welcomed all members and guest in attendance.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee presented the 2010-2011 slate of officers. The nominees are:

President: Lorene Forttrell, Vice President: Kay Kern, Treasurer: Donna Crowningshield, Secretary: Judy Bucholz. The Nominating Committee asked for any other nominations from the floor 3 times. Since there were none, Pat Flath made a motion to close the nominations and for the Secretary to cast one ballot. Motion carried. Congratulations.

Committee Reports:

Block of the Month: Marcia Wagner won the 13 blocks returned tonight. If interested, there are extra Block of the Month kits from December, January, February and March that can still be purchased. In June there will be a label kit for purchase and the end of the year drawing for all the members who participated in the Block of the Month during the year.

Classes: See Kathy Russell if you would like to teach a class. She has dates available and needs teachers.

Challenge: Fabric Post Card Challenge due in June.

Community Outreach: Sue Minnie announced 187 quilts have been donated for charity this year. The goal is 225. Judy Russell thanked those members who made a quilt block for the Parkinson Disease Foundation Quilt Project.

Programs: If you have any ideas for speakers or programs please see Kay Kern.

June- Potluck dinner and UFOs and WIPs return and Challenge

September- Nancy DiDonato *Journey Into the Brain of an Art Quilter* will give a lecture on the 8th and a workshop on the 9th.

Quilt Show: 2011 Quilt Show chairperson Sue Donohue will have a Quilt Show meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at her home starting at 6:15 P.M.

Pennsylvania Bus Trip September 16 – 19, 2010: Balance is due!

Welcome: Brenda announced that the recipes for the Guild Cookbook are needed. Please send your recipes to quilting1997@yahoo.com

Door Prize: Tonight's winners were: Nancy Ellsworth and Judy Russell. The additional door prizes donated by Fibre Junction winners were: Wanda Sweeney and Bev Stellges

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M for show and tell.

Respectively submitted, *Karen Nichols*



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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May 11, 2010

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Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of NY
Attn: Sue Minnie, Community Outreach Committee Coordinator
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Dear Friends:

The staff and patients of the Stratton VA Medical Center wish to express their sincere appreciation to you for the donation of the 5 quilts for our hospitalized veterans.

Afghans and quilts are presented to patients here at the hospital along with personal comfort items from the "Welcome Buddy" volunteers. This program provides a friendly visitor for every newly admitted veteran. We tell the patients that the soft, warm afghans are made with loving hands to make their stay more comfortable. Of all the items given to the new patients, they treasure this the most. It means so much to the patients to realize that someone does remember them and their service to our country.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and for using your talents to comfort our hospitalized veterans.

Sincerely,

Karen B. Covey
KAREN B. COVEY
Volunteer Manager

Dear Sue,
Our thanks to you and
The Quilter's Guild
for the beautiful quilts that
were donated to our Center.

With Sincere Appreciation,
The Third Age Staff
And
Participants

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A friend of mine got a house in West Chazy recently. He found 5 sewing machines: Two treadle (Champion and Richmond, both in bad shape but great for display) and 3 electric (Monroe and Ricca) in much better shape. The machines are available for sale or they will be destroyed. I know there are some collectors out there. He wants to get around \$50.00 per machine, but open to offers.

Contact Information:

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493-5183

*To: Quilters Guild,
Please accept our heartfelt
thanks for your beautiful
donations. The patients of
the Unit, are comforted by
the handmade pillows.
Thank you for your generosity
and your fine work!
Regards,
Meredith King, RN
Nurse Manager
SOA Chemotherapy/Infusion*

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Homework

- ◆name tag
- ◆library books
- ◆Challenge Postcards
- ◆Annual Pot Luck Supper **Bring Recipe for Cook Book**
- ◆Remember your place setting, drink, and a dish to share

Items for the newsletter are due each month on the Saturday before the Executive Board meeting which is the first Wednesday of the Month.

Next Executive Meeting—August 7, 2010, **Senior Citizens Council**

Next Membership Meeting—

Visit your local Quilt Shops

City Plaza Sewing Center, (518) 561 - 7230

78 Dumont Rd. Beekmantown, NY 12901

Cobblestone Quilts & Fabric, (518) 566-7588

1923 State Route 22B Morrisonville, NY 12962

Deer Mountain Fabrics, (518) 561-5209

79 Hammond Lane, Plattsburgh, NY, 12901

Dream Crafters Quilt Shop, (518) 358-4285

1422, State Route 37, Bombay, NY,

Fibre Junction Quilt Shoppe, (518)-297-9797

69 Lake St., Rouses Point, NY 12979

Loose Threads, (518) 825-0268

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Maw & Paw Quilt Shop, (518) 236 5762)

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