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Welcome to a New Year with the CVQGN *a year for new challenges, change and updating*

President's Message

I'm happy to report that Pete and I survived our trip to California in June. We got to see the two year long, \$100K kitchen remodel at my sister's house and saw my brother's house for the first time. Then we were off to Sequoia for the famous camping trip. The weather was brutal, 108 degrees in Fresno and it didn't get much cooler as we drove up to the campsite. It was idyllic: a private campsite a 10 minute walk from the lake. Did we enjoy it? Well.....yes and no. The eating part was great. Your team cooked one dinner for 35 people but you were the guest at everyone else's dinner. The lake was a refreshing break from the mosquitoes. The borrowed sleeping accommodations were less than I'd hoped for. Our tent was great but we'd never slept in mummy sleeping bags before. Pete could not get his zipped and I toss and turn all night and by morning I was a twisted pretzel. Then there was the question of bears. The campsites have bear boxes to store your food in to prevent bears from rummaging through your belongings. Two years ago, a camper in the group slept in her SUV and was awakened by a bear looking through the window at her. So many of the families now bring a Porta-potty so they can stay inside their tent all night. Pete and I had no such luxury, so I lay there at 3 a.m. asking myself how badly did I need to go and wondering what I would do if I emerged from the restroom to face a bear looking for a late night snack. But survive we did, and after a good night's sleep at a motel, we arrived at the Fresno airport to find out that Frisco was fogged in and our flight there was delayed an hour. As we taxied up to our terminal in Frisco we saw our plane for Chicago departing.

Quilt Show Chairs's Message

Welcome Back! With a slow start to the summer weather, a warm September came rather quickly and I realized I need to finish putting the final touches on my quilt.

Our quilt show committee has been working very hard with many hours of planning our 2009 Quilt show. Please help them make our 25th anniversary show a special one. We need each and everyone of you to help in making it just that. Don't forget to bring your husbands, significant other, or maybe a neighbor that is wondering what the guild is about to help set up on Friday or take down on Sunday. (Don't forget to sign them up first) . If each member of our Guild signed up for one committee it would help everyone and it would make it more enjoyable. Many hands do make light work, and then we could avoid long shifts.

We are so lucky to have so many great Guild members, dedicated hard working people make our Guild what it is today. We have 483 quilts entered in this quilt show. How exciting! I can't wait to see all of your beautiful work proudly displayed.

These days, when our world is moving so fast and all of us are being pulled in a hundred different directions, we don't see many organizations celebrating 25 years . Thanks to the member who started this Quilt Guild 25 years ago and congratulations to our our current members who have kept it running so smoothly for 25 years. Again thanks to all of you and spread the word Champlain Valley Quilt Guild is the best!!

***Charipersons!* please remember to bring 2 copies of your list of workers to the meeting for people at the front table.**

-Deborah

President's Message con't.

Then we learned that a computer snafu in Chicago left hundreds of United passengers stranded. So we were stuck at the Frisco airport for 11 hours, got a red eye to D.C. and finally arrived in Albany at 10 a.m. the next day. A trip we won't forget and won't care to repeat! I am now making camping place mats for my relatives. I'll be sending them with a note attached: Think of me when this you see, for at the campsite we won't be!

I was able to spend the rest of my summer looking for some "piece" and quiet, Lorene

Hear ye! Hear ye! We have a new place and a new time for our executive meetings! They will take place at Ponderosa on Route 3 in Plattsburgh and we'll start at 5:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 7.

Silent Auction

Please don't forget the Silent Auction at the show. So far I have about a dozen items and as many coffee cans. I hope you will have more for me at the September meeting. It's our only one before the show! We need items you have made or wish to donate—knitted, crocheted, quilted, cross-stitched—whatever you wish. It was also suggested we accept gift certificates for a car wash, a movie, a pizza, Wendy's or MickeyD's etc. Last year we had 44 items and made over \$400 thanks to all of you. Also, we need those 1 lb. coffee cans. Deer Mountain and Loose Threads have both generously offered to accept your items if you cannot get them to me at the Sept. meeting. You can call me at 561-7629. -Judy

Community Outreach

For the upcoming year, we will continue to request pet beds and breast cancer pillows. We would also like to have some other small items, such as adult bibs for Hospice and the nursing homes. We'll be putting together a pattern or two for distribution at the meetings. If you have other ideas you think would be good for Community Outreach, please let me know.

For quilts, we would like to set a goal for this year and are considering 225. We are also planning on taking pictures of the quilts that come in – they would be fun to display and would make great poster for our next Quilt Show to show the amount of community service work that we do and the beautiful quilts that we make to donate. One of the places where we are going to donate, are the Habitat for Humanity houses. Our first quilts for them will be for a house in Keeseville for a mother and her teenage daughter. That house is nearly finished. Their next house is in Rouses Point for a couple and their six-month old baby.

We know that many members donate quilts to their favorite charities. We encourage you to bring the quilts in so that we can take pictures of them and include them in our Outreach numbers. In addition, if members would like to designate where the quilts they donate through the Guild should be sent, please put a note on the quilt when you turn it in. If you would prefer to deliver the quilt to the organization yourself, that would be great also.

We are looking for members for the Outreach Committee who would be available to deliver some of our donations to the local organizations. If you can

help in the delivery of pet beds and other items, please let me know – I would appreciate your help. Susan Minnie (Contact: 562-1267, minnies@charter.net)

Quilt Show Refreshment Committee

Things are progressing for the Quilt Show Refreshments. We have an inventory of the supplies that were remaining from last year and what was purchased. With this, I will be obtaining the necessary food and supplies as the time gets closer.

There wasn't a chairman for the committee when members were requested to sign up to help with Quilt Shows activities so we are in need of help. We have two volunteers to help with the preparation and cooking but could use some more help on Friday night. We also very much need help for serving and collecting money on Saturday and Sunday. We will be asking for members to sign up at the September meeting. If you are available to help during the Quilt Show but will not be at the September meeting, could you please contact me at 562-1267 or minnies@charter.net.

I have spoken with the Cafeteria Manager and she said that we could bring in individually wrapped sweets to sell. These have sold very well in the past. Could you please make something that is easily packaged in individual bags, such as muffins, cookies, etc to bring in for us to sell. If you prefer to purchase something that is great also, they just have to be individually wrapped. The small packages of potatoe chips or other snacks are also needed.

We appreciate your help and support in making the refreshments stand a successful venture at the Quilt Show.

Take-in for Quilt Show

Take-in of the quilts will be on October 9, 2009, Friday from 4 PM to 6 PM at Bailey Avenue School. This year the quilts will be taken in on the Bailey Ave entrance (Side door) of the school – not the parking lot entrance where it has been in past shows.

IMPORTANT – I cannot stress enough the importance of getting your quilt/items for the show to Bailey Avenue NLT 6 PM, as the take-in and set-up of the quilts must be completed on Friday night (in the past we had Thursday night for take-in and Friday night for set-up.) If you cannot get your items to take-in by 6 PM, please arrange to have someone else bring them for you, or if an EMERGENCY arises, please call me NLT 5:45 PM on my cell phone – 518-569-0862.

UNACCEPTABLE emergencies would be “I’m still sewing my hanging sleeve on my quilt” or “I’ll be there around 7 PM after dinner.” I am trying to make the take-in process of items for the quilt show go as smooth as possible and need everyone’s cooperation.

I still need 3 more volunteers (1 for the front desk/1 for the take-in room and 1 person to be stationed at the door directing where the take-in of the quilts will be).

REMINDER for the take-in of your quilts/items:

- Each quilt must be in a separate see thru (clear) plastic bag.
- The “Pin to Quilt Receipt” must be SAFETY PINNED (Please – No Straight pins) to the lower back side of the quilt/item and visible thru the bag.
- A hanging sleeve on the quilt/item, if required.

Sharon Svendsen, Committee Chairman
Home – 518-561-0163
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Hostess Committee

The **Hostess Committee**, better known as the white glove ladies, needs people to work at the Quilt Show both Saturday and Sunday. The time slots for Saturday are 9:45 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 5:00 and for Sunday 9:45 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:00 and 2:00 to 4:00. Of course you can sign up for more than one slot on one day or one (or more) on each day. If you are working on another committee I will gladly coordinate a time that will not conflict with that commitment.

Please, remember this year’s show is even bigger than our last show so we will need more people. Even if you feel you might not have a lot of quilting knowledge to share with

those attending you can still give a friendly greeting and direct people to someone who can answer their questions. Also, keep in mind if you work a minimum of two hours you get into the show for free.

Karen Collins, Chairperson
293-7540

Please be sure to read this Newsletter. It is quite informational!

Membership

Dues for this year are \$20 and are due by November 4th. The quilt guild is trying to conserve and do our part by asking you all to fill out a new form asking for some information regarding the newsletter. The form is in the newsletter and on the website. No dues will be accepted without this form. I will also have these forms at the membership table. After you have the form you may want to avoid the mad rush in September and October by sending your dues and membership form along with a self addressed stamped envelope to Linda Maltzan, PO Box 455, Lewis NY 12950. Looking forward to another fun year with the guild.

Classes

Date	Teacher	Subject	Fee	Location	Time
September 24		finish quilts for quilt show	FREE	Gov. Ctr	6:00 - 9:00
October 24	ML Beauharnois & committee (all are welcome even part time)	Work on Christmas Tree Ornaments	FREE	Point au Roche Fire Station	bring lunch 9:30 - 4:00
November 5	Diane Shink Guest Speaker	Edge Finishes Through the Ages	FREE	Point au Roche Fire Station	9:30 - 12:30
Nov. 12	JoAnn Forkey	Christmas Wall Hanging	\$ 8.00	Gov. Ctr	6:00 - 9:00
Nov. 14	Sylvia Brown	Star Wall Hanging	\$15.00	Point au Roche Fire Station	bring lunch 9:30 - 4:00
Nov. 19	Jean Welch	Casserole Dish Cover/Carrier	\$ 8.00	Gov. Ctr.	6:00 - 9:00
December 3	Open				
December 10	Open				
December 17	Open				
May 13	Cathy Miller Guest Speaker	Raw-edge reverse Machine Applique	\$ 25.00	Point au Roche Fire Station	9:00 - 1:00

ALL CLASSES ARE AT THE USUAL TIME, 6:00 - 9:00 WITH SET UP AT 5:30
Any questions, call Kathy Russell at 846 - 7420 or Kathy Baier at 846 - 4134 or 572 - 7131

At the last **Executive Committee Meeting**, it was voted that we need to have a small increase in class prices. Evening or half day classes, which are both three hours, will now be \$10. All day classes, six hours will then be \$18. We feel even with this minor increase this still makes our classes very reasonable in comparison to other classes and work-shops. We hope this will not be a problem.

If you have already paid for a class before the summer break, Lucky You!! That is what you pay! These prices do not include special guest speakers which are usually \$25 to cover the addition expenses.

In addition there must be at least 8 paid participants in order to hold the class, or the class will be cancelled. Classes will start promptly at 6:00. Set will begin at 5:30. Hope to see you at the classes, we always have a great time!

Thank you! The Kathys

Minutes of the CVQG June 10, 2009 Monthly Meeting

President Lorene Forttrell called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. following our annual end of the year potluck dinner. Lorene welcomed all members and guests in attendance.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Judy Landry made a motion to accept the revised bylaws as written. Motion seconded by Jean Welch. Motion carried. 1 abstention.

Committee Reports:

Quilt Show: Quilt Show chairperson Debbie Patnode is asking members to keep making the treat basket give away over the summer. Debbie is encouraging all Guild members to enter a quilt in the 2009 Quilt Show. Jean Welch is asking for volunteers to help distribute our 2009 Quilt Show fliers at any quilt shows they may be attending this summer.

Kitty is asking members to enter their Brown Bag Challenge in the 2009 Quilt Show.

Block of the Month: There were 4 blocks returned tonight. Patti Gonyea won them.

Classes: There will be summer classes held at the Point au Roche Firehouse. Each class will be all day and cost \$15. Check your newsletter for dates and times.

Community Outreach: 187 charity quilts were given away and a total of 239 pet beds were donated to the local animal shelter. 68 heart pillows were also donated to the Oncology Center. Sandy thanked everyone for a wonderful job and great year!

Quilt Registrar: Pat would like to remind members to fill out the registration form so your quilt can be a part of the 2009 Quilt Show. (The deadline is July 14, 2009) Please remember to name your quilt and write a brief description of the quilt, too.

Door Prize: The winners were: Barbara Bashaw and Maria Oquendo. A big thank you to Nancy Vincent from *Deer Mountain Fabrics* for donating 2 additional prizes tonight. The winners were: Pat Paola and Sue Donohue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. for Show and Tell, WIPS and UFO's.

Respectively submitted,
Karen Nichols

Additional Meeting Notes

Refreshments

This year the refreshment committee and the Guild are switching to a BYOB(bring your own beverage) policy. This is mainly a cost saving measure for the guild, but it is, also, a more environmentally conscious measure as we will have no plastic cups and soda bottles to dispose of. We will still be providing cookies, since most of us still like something sweet in the evening. See you at the meeting. -Billie Hill

Block of the Month 2009-10

This year's block of the month theme will be 12" star blocks in a classic blue and white color scheme. Monthly kits will be offered for \$1.75. In addition to including written instructions in the monthly newsletter, a photo of a completed block will be posted on the CVQG website to help clarify fabric placement. Bring your completed block to the following meeting, and enter your name in a drawing. If 24 or more squares are returned for the monthly raffle, there will be 2 winners. You may win blocks a maximum of two times this year.

As in the previous 3 years, all of the monthly blocks will have a unifying color theme so that, if collected, they could be combined into a project. You may purchase more than one kit so that you have one to keep, and one to return. To encourage more people to return blocks monthly, we will be holding a drawing for a prize bag at the June meeting. After the winning name is drawn at the monthly meeting, all name slips will be saved for the June drawing. The more blocks a member returns, the more times their name will be entered. You can enter your name for the June drawing even if you have already won a set of blocks. The prize bag will contain some leftover kits and scraps to help you complete your block of the month project! -Kerry Mero

Program Committee Report

Welcome to our program year for 2009 to 2010. We have some new and hopefully, exciting programs on the agenda. The **September 9** meeting will be dedicated to final preparations for the **October 10 and 11** Quilt Show and the presentations of WIPS and UFOS.

October 14 meeting will feature Amanda Palmer, Curator of the Alice T. Miner Museum and CVQG member, discussing quilts from the local museum and the link between Mrs. Miner and the Circuit Rider's Quilt presently on display at the Chicago Institute of Art. Kitty will be accepting your 5 fat quarters at this meeting for the Brown Bag Activity.

November 4 our guest speaker will be Diana Shink, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser from the Montreal area with a Trunk Show of "Fringes and Frills." Diana has connections with the Plattsburgh area as she received her master degree from SUNY Plattsburgh. **Nov. 5** Diana will conduct a workshop on "Edge Furnishes Through the Ages", the same class she presented at Paducah in April 2009. Kitty will be distributing the Brown Bags to each member who entered in October and Michele will present the Challenge for 2009 - 2010.

The usual potluck dinner will be **December 9** as well as an optional gift exchange and presentation and judging of children's quilted blocks.

January 13 we are asking each of you to bring something for the Food Shelf and Lorene has a new game for quilters. **February 10**, Pat, Bev and Diana will present a talk on "How to Prepare a Quilt for Show Entry" and what parameters the judges use in the selection of winning quilts. **March 10** will be "A Teddy Bear Picnic" and **April 7** Kitty will MC the return of the Brown Bag Activity.

May 12 "The Singing Quilter", Cathy Miller from British Columbia Canada, will speak (and sing.) **May 13** Cathy will present a workshop on "Raw Edge Reverse Machine Appliqué."

June 9 potluck dinner, return of the challenge, WIPS, and UFOS.

I want to thank **each** of you that suggested a program or speaker. We are unable to schedule all of them at this time but I have kept the names for future programs. Meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy and participate in the 2009- 2010 program year. -K

Block of the Month September 2009

CVQG Block of the Month September 2009
(pattern from Judy Hopkins' "501 Rotary Cut Quilt Blocks")

"Sarah's Choice"

Materials:

COLOR A: White tone-on-tone
COLOR B: Royal blue polka dot
COLOR C: Light blue floral print

From COLOR A; **cut:**

One $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square (trim to size)
Four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " squares (from strip)

From COLORS B and C; **cut from each:**

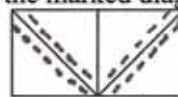
Two $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares
One $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " rectangle

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

Half square triangles:

Speed piece the four center half square triangles. Stack the COLOR B and COLOR C $7\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " "rectangles right sides together. Mark the center $3\frac{7}{8}$ " square line, and mark the diagonals in the direction shown. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on either side of the marked diagonal, pivoting at the center square line. Cut apart on the marked diagonals and at the $3\frac{7}{8}$ " center line. Press seams OPEN to reduce bulk.

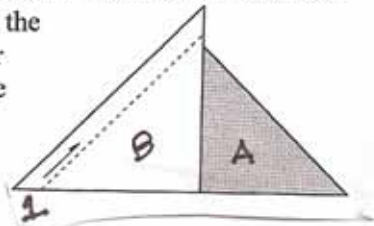
This will yield four $3\frac{1}{2}$ " half square triangles.



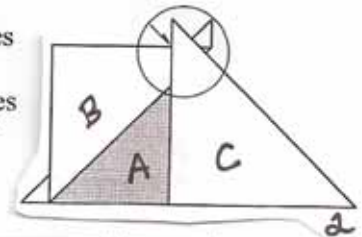
Flying Geese Units:

Cut the COLOR A $7\frac{1}{4}$ " square across both diagonals to create four smaller triangles. Cut the two COLOR B and two COLOR C $3\frac{7}{8}$ " squares in half diagonally to create four triangles of each color. Repeat steps below to create four flying geese units:

1. Join the left hand triangle COLOR B (polka dot) to the larger COLOR A background triangle. Match points (1) and bottom edges; sew in the direction of the arrow. Press seam allowances toward the smaller triangle.



2. Join right hand COLOR C (light blue) triangle to unit. Match point (2) and bottom edge. Start at the arrow. Your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam should intersect the 90 degree angle where the two smaller triangles meet. Press seam allowances toward smaller triangle.

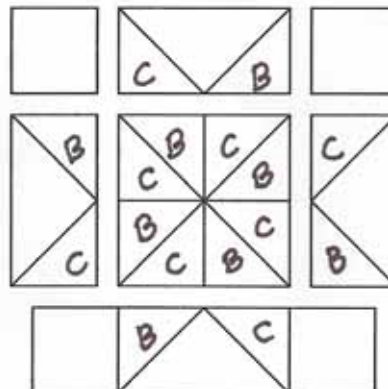


Block Assembly:

Sew the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " COLOR A squares to opposite sides of two flying geese units.

Sew the four half square triangle units together to create the center square, being careful to match diagonals and colors to the diagram. Sew the 2 remaining flying geese units to opposite sides of the center squares as shown.

Attach top and bottom rows to the center unit.



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Homework

September

- ◆Bring your own beverage!
- ◆WIPS and UFOs
- ◆name tag
- ◆\$20 dues and completed form for new address list

October

- ◆Bring your own beverage!
- ◆Brown bag with 5 FQs

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—October 7, 2009

Next Membership Meeting—October 14, 2009

Next Quilt Show Meeting—September 16, 2009

If the city schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled along with all programs

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