



Green Mountain Quilters Guild

“MOUNTAIN PIECERS”

Spring 2019 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear quilters,

As I write this, there is no rain coming down and no white stuff on the ground - hooray! Now if it would only feel like spring... but hopefully by our May 11th Spring Meeting it will! Also, as I write this, I am thinking about “finishes” and new beginnings. I'll start with finishes first, as one leads to the other. This June I will be retiring from teaching after having been in the education profession for 31 years. This is a big finish for me, and even though I'm ready for it (boy, am I ready for it - lol) seeing this chapter of my life come to an end is bittersweet, to say the least.

As I said earlier, one finish leads to another. This spring meeting will also be my last as guild president. After 4 years as Vice President and 2 years as President, it is time for me to step down. My husband is also retiring this summer and I've promised him that I will let go of all outside commitments so we are free to do some traveling.

While we're on the subject of finishes/finishing, the following Board positions will also be open as the current officers wish to step down, too; Secretary- Annie Buck will be finishing with our May meeting,

Treasurer- Ginny Poplawski wishes to step down after the May meeting or the October 2019 meeting at the latest, Newsletter/Guild liaison- Debi Frohloff wishes to step down as of the May meeting, and, Vendor Co-Ordinator - Wendy Richardson would also like to step down at the end of the May meeting, Vice President- Sue Schoolcraft can no longer be VP as she has graciously volunteered to move into the President's position for 1 year.

As you can see, there will be many Board positions open and the opportunity for many new beginnings! If you have ever thought about becoming a member of the Board, this is the time to do it!

Unfortunately, the downside of so many vacant Board positions is that if they are not filled there will no longer be a guild.

This is your guild and the time has come to decide its future!

It is my deep desire that our guild keep functioning- that's why I became a Board member. So, it is with this hope that I strongly encourage each of you to consider joining the Board.

As I sign off, let me say that I have really enjoyed being your president! And the very best part has been getting to know many of you much better!

Sincerely,

Kimalie Portalupi, President

**WELCOME to the Spring Meeting
of the
Green Mountain Quilters Guild
May 11, 2019**

**Doors open 9 am * Meeting at 10 am
At the Old Labor Hall,
46 Granite Street, Barre, VT 05641**



SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

Remember to Bring:

- ❖ **Please bring a GUEST!**
- ❖ **Spring Flowers Block 12 ½"** unfinished
- ❖ **Items for Show and Tell**
- ❖ **Money for Vendors**
- ❖ **Your name tag**
- ❖ **Meeting Refreshment:** Last names **A-M**
Would you kindly bring morning refreshments to share?
- ❖ **Lunch:** Bring your brown bag lunch.
We'll have some beverages available.
- ❖ **Registration and Dues:** Annual registrations are due in May.
Registration Form is below.

**Remember to Do
when you arrive at the Meeting:**

- ❖ **Check in** at Membership Table.
- ❖ **Pick up** the agenda.
- ❖ **Sign in items** for **Show and Tell**
- ❖ **Drop off Spring Flowers Block**
- ❖ **Drop off Refreshments (A-M)**

**Let's celebrate Spring!
Our Meeting Theme will be
"Spring Flower Garden"**

Spring Meeting REFRESHMENTS

If your last name begins with letters **A-M**, please bring along your favorite morning refreshment to share! And...remember your brown bag lunch...and your own mug (environmentally friendly!).

**SPRING FLOWER GARDEN
RAFFLE BLOCK**

Choose your whatever sewing technique you enjoy— machine piecing, hand piecing, applique, foundation piecing, or even embellishment. Then, make a **12 ½"** unfinished block using the "Spring Flower Garden" Theme. The block must have a **WHITE** background, but you may use any colors or pattern for the flower(s).

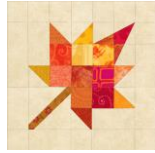
Thank you!

Sue Schoolcraft

ANNUAL TEACUP AUCTION

For this meetings' annual teacup auction the BOARD is requesting that ALL members and GUILD LIASONS "*please*" bring at least one item or gift basket. If you choose to bring a gift basket, please label what's inside! So, if you have been "Marie Kondo-ing" your sewing space, this auction is for you! (Please note: Anything you bring that doesn't sell at the auction will need to be taken back with you.) Many thanks in advance for all your donations!

**MAPLE LEAF BLOCK
DEMONSTRATION
with Debie Frohloff**



With the possibility that this 7½" finished Maple Leaf Block may be our Raffle Block in the Fall of 2019, I visited Sue Ashe at her Country Treasures Quilt Shop to obtain permission to use her pattern and rewrite the written directions.

I will give a demonstration at our Spring meeting using Sue's method with the Gaylee Quilting Thirtysomething Square Up Ruler. I'll also offer directions using templates and/or paper piecing.

SHOW AND TELL

Hello and welcome to Spring!? I am looking forward to seeing what everyone was working on over this long winter. It's Show and Tell Time at GMQG. Bring what ya got, finished or not, we need to oohhh and aahhh at kewl stuff in May... and rejoice in our creative spirits together! See y'all soon

Robin Gurney

OLD LABOR HALL ELEVATOR USE

For those of you who may not realize it, the Old Labor Hall has a key operated elevator. If you get to the meeting and need to use the elevator, please call Jan Sherman's cell 802-760-8799. We'll bring it down for you!



CALICO COUNTY QUILTERS

Calico County Quilters recently had a sewing day to make fidget quilts and lap quilts for a local nursing home. A good time was had by all. We continue to meet one Saturday a month in Montpelier/Berlin (usually the 2nd Saturday from 1 to 3 to work on individual projects.

New members of all abilities are welcome. Please call or e-mail Jan Sherman to confirm time and date 802-244-7001 or pudderhill@comcast.net .

Jan Sherman

**MAPLE LEAF BLOCKS for
OUR FORMER PRESIDENT**

I have finally heard from former guild president Diane Harris with her current Florida address and will be sending her the maple leaf blocks that some members made. If anyone didn't make one and would still like to (or make any additional blocks) that would be great, as there are only 7 of them and more would be a nicer gift to thank her for all her hard work! The directions for the leaf block are in the Fall 2018 newsletter or contact Annie Buck annie.buck@icloud.com or 802-899-2296.

Thanks,

Annie Buck

GMQG BOARD MEMBERS

President Kim Portalupi
Vice President Sue Schoolcraft
Treasurer Ginny Poplawski
Recording Sec. Annie Buck
Corresponding Secretary Wendy Richardson
Membership Jan Sherman
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Facebook Jeb Bouchard
Webmaster Sonja Hakala

Website:

greenmountainquiltersguild.wordpress.com

Join us on FACEBOOK! <http://www.facebook.com/groups/1678830182330328/>

Green Mountain Quilters Guild Minutes Fall Meeting October 27, 2018 Old Labor Hall, Barre Vermont

President Kim Portalupi called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A motion was made by Marianne Kotch to accept the minutes of the Spring meeting, seconded by Wendy Richardson, passed by voice vote. Treasurer Ginny Poplawski discussed the Treasurer's Report that was in the newsletter, saying that membership is dropping and eventually our necessary expenses will exceed our income, but that we do have a reserve. Next year we may want to re-think our meeting space, programs, etc. Tess Greaves made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Robin Gurney, passed by voice vote. Kim reported that as of May, \$55 in raffle tickets had been sold. A winner will be drawn at the Spring

meeting, so we have until then to sell more tickets. Marianne asked that Kim email a photo of the raffle quilt to members, as well as a photo of raffle tickets that could be printed out and sold.

The yo-yo quilt entry needs to be submitted to VQF on Feb. 1, 2019. Kim will photograph one of the finished panels to use as an entry photo. We need to set up some sewing time to finish the quilt by the end of June. Each bed-sized panel will be bound, the panels will be joined for display and then taken apart for donation. Potential sewing locations: Aldrich Public Library (6 Washington St in Barre) or the Middlesex AGC (at the beginning of 3 Mile Bridge Rd). The Heart of Vermont Quilters have reserved the ACG one Sunday per month and there would be plenty of room for us if we wanted to join them. Kim will talk to Renee Bilodeau if we decide to do that. There are still more yo-yos that need to be sewn to background squares.

Kim reminded members of the need for new officers. Both she and Annie Buck will be stepping down after the Spring meeting, so we will need a new President and Recording Secretary. Vice President Sue Schoolcraft explained that as she cannot take on the presidency, we need someone to volunteer if we want the guild to move forward.

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made by Sue Schoolcraft, seconded by Soni Johnson, passed by voice vote.

We enjoyed a nice Show & Tell, including a Tell by Robin about visiting the Osage Museum this past summer and seeing a blanket that she had made! Annie and Sue gave two demos, Y Seams 3 Ways and a make & take Christmas ornament.

Lisa Torres won the canned goods donation drawing; Mary Hardy won the Hen House Fabrics door prize; Sandy Wilmot won the Sewing Machines & More door prize; Tess Greaves won the fall leaf raffle blocks.

Annie took the 8 additional raffle blocks to be sent to former President Diane Harris. Members may add to those 8 before they are sent to Diane.

Show & Tell ribbons were awarded as follows:

Wall Hanging: 1st place Marianne Kotch, 2nd place Sue Schoolcraft, 3rd place Sue Schoolcraft

Garment: 1st place Jane Buskey, 2nd Sue Schoolcraft

Baby/lap quilt: 1st place Annie Buck, 2nd place Tess Greaves, 3rd place Jane Buskey

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 due to snowy weather conditions.

**Respectfully submitted,
Annie Buck Recording Secretary**

**Our Fall 2019 Meeting will be
Discussed at the Spring meeting on
Saturday, May 11th**

**Our Fall 2019 meeting "may" be
Saturday, October 12, 2019**



PLACES TO GO - THINGS TO DO

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM EXHIBITION AND EVENTS

18 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA 01852
NEQUILTMUSEUM.ORG
978-452-4207

QUILTERS BY THE SEA 17TH BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW

Quilters by the Sea Quilt Guild
Pennfield School, 110 Sandy Point Ave
Portsmouth, RI
Sat May 4 10 – 5, Sun May 5 10 - 3
120+ quilts, vendor's, raffle baskets, small
quilt silent auction (proceeds benefit
NEQM, Lowell, MA) and boutique of
member quilted and handcrafted items
quiltersbytheseari@gmail.com
www.quiltersbytheseari.com

GENESEE VALLEY QUILT FEST

May. 31- Jun. 02
Gordon Field House and Activities Center
Rochester Institute of Technology, NY
Huge quilt show!
mjrzadca@gmail.com
geneseevalleyquiltfest.com

QUILTS OF OLD

June 2 - 30 S Swift River Valley Museum,
40 Elm Street, New Salem, MA 01355
The Swift River Valley Historical Society is
home of a collection of quilts; both finished
and unfinished from 1840 to 1940
Phone: 978-544-7991
dotfryesrvhs@gmail.com
www.swiftrivermuseum.org/events/

NANAIMO QUILTERS' GUILD MATERIAL MAGIC

June 7- 8
Nanaimo, Vancouver Island, BC Canada
Over 300 quilts on display, Merchant Mall,
door prizes every hour, Live expert demos,
lunch room
cprcomm20@gmail.com
www.islandquilters.ca

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

New England's Oldest and Largest Quilt Festival

Celebrating 43 Years
Wed June 26 Preview 7 pm - 9:30pm
Thurs-Fri June 27-28-9am - 6pm
Sat June 29 9am - 5pm
Champlain Valley Exposition (CVE)
105 Pearl St. (VT Route 15)
Essex Junction, VT 05452
www.vqf.org

**STITCHES FROM THE HEART QUILT SHOW
2019**

July 13-14

Stitches From the Heart Quilt Guild
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 25, 96 Great
Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
Quilts, vendors, New to You Boutique,
silent auction items, demos
saultquiltsshow2019@hotmail.com

MAINE QUILTS ANNUAL SHOW

Preview Wednesday, July 24, 7–9 pm
July 25 – 27 Thursday - Saturday 9-5
Workshops with 7 national teachers.
Merchants Mall, Demonstrations, Lectures.
500+ Quilts: Antique, Contemporary,
Display, Judged, Raffles. Champagne
Reception & Show
Pine Tree Quilters Guild
Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME
info@mainquilts.org
mainquilts.org

26TH ANNUAL BENNINGTON QUILTFEST

September 14 – 15

Sat: 9-5, Sun: 10-4

Mount Anthony Union Middle School
747 East Road, Bennington, VT

Featured Quilter - Lecturer: John Kubinic
Raffle Quilt: "Hart of Gold"

New Quilts, Demos, Quilt Raffle, Challenge
Quilts, Vendors, Consignment Boutique,
People's Choice Awards, Special Exhibit
Come to the Quiltfest Café for Breakfast
and Lunch! Serving all Day

www.benningtonquiltfest.com

**CELEBRATING CREATIVITY
QUILT SHOW XVII**

Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of NY

Sat Sept 28 10 am – 5 pm

Sun Sept 29 10 am - 4 pm

SUNY Plattsburgh Field House

167 Rugar St., Plattsburgh, NY 12901

www.CVQGNy.org

[https://www.facebook.com/cvqgnyquiltsh
ow/](https://www.facebook.com/cvqgnyquiltshow/)

**QUILTING IN THE LAND OF MILK & HONEY
QUILT SHOW**

October 12-13

Middlebury Recreation Center

154 Creek Rd, Middlebury, VT

2019 Raffle Quilt "In Flight" 86" x 106"

milkandhoneyquilt@yahoo.com

Registration Early Bird Drawing!
Let's do away with long lines at the registration table.
Please mail in your registration!

Any registrations **received by May 9, 2019** will be entered in an Early Bird Drawing!
To register, please submit the following to
Jan Sherman, 4426 VT Route 100, Waterbury, VT 05676:

- 1, Check made out to Green Mountain Quilters Guild in the amount of \$15.00
2. The completed registration form.
3. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like your membership card mailed to you.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but you can still register at the door. Please bring your completed registration form and check (or cash) with you. Thank you.

GREEN MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD 2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Membership - May 1st through April 30th

**** PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ****

ALL members whose registration is received by May 9, 2019 will be entered in a drawing.

Please send 3 items to: JANICE SHERMAN, 4426 VT ROUTE 100, WATERBURY, VT 05676

- 1) a check for \$15 payable to **Green Mountain Quilters Guild**
- 2) this completed Membership Form and 3) a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY - THANK YOU!

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL? Yes _____ No _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Are you a Long Arm quilter? Yes ___ No ___ Are you a Quilt Instructor? Yes ___ No ___

Do you have a website? _____

What do you teach? _____

Membership Chair: New _____ Renewal _____ Check # _____ Cash _____