



# Green Mountain Quilters Guild

## “MOUNTAIN PIECERS”

### Fall 2022 Newsletter

**Welcome!** to the Fall Meeting of the  
Green Mountain Quilters Guild  
Saturday, October 29, 2022

Doors open: 9 am; Meeting: 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd, Randolph, VT

#### President's Message

Like many people, I love fall. The crisp air, beautiful colors, and a sense of new beginnings all make it a happy time. I look forward to adding another quilt to the bed and cooking more food in the crockpot (more time to sew!).

The GMQG board has a fun and varied fall meeting planned, again in Randolph at Our Lady of the Angels church on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 9:30 am. Please feel free to bring friends to enjoy a round robin of quick, fun learning experiences. Guild members will demonstrate English paper piecing, flange bindings, coiled rope bowls and mats, and Manx quilting, a portable hand sewn technique requiring no rulers that's perfect for stash busting.

I want to thank Robin Gurney for her many years of doing not one, but three important jobs for our guild. Guild Historian, show and tell chair, and coffee maker extraordinaire, Robin deserves high praise and will be missed. We wish her well in her retirement which we hope will offer her

more quilting time. Soni Johnson has kindly agreed to take on show and tell, and we are still recruiting a new Historian. For now, the board will be sharing the all-important coffee/tea duties at the fall meeting. If you and a friend would like to volunteer for this, please let me know. It's a great way to meet people. Don't forget to feed the coffee kitty, and please bring a mug to help save our planet.

We have a few raffles and drawings planned for the fall meeting. One is the traditional block raffle, organized by Vice President Lorrie Churchill. Another raffle is designed to support our local quilt shops as well as the guild. And, if you missed the door prizes in the spring, we promise a return in October.

Because our October 29 meeting will be very close to Halloween, we encourage you to come in costume if you wish. It will be fun to see you all again!

*Marianne Kotch, President*

# Green Mountain Quilters Guild

## Fall Meeting Agenda

### Saturday, October 29, 2022

*Note: Face Masks may be required depending on the status of Covid in mid October.  
A supply will be available if needed.*

9:00 am	Doors open for coffee and refreshments; sign up for Show and Tell, enter door prize and raffle block drawings; set up Quilter's Mini Yard Sale, visit vendors
9:30 am	Business meeting, Marianne Kotch presiding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Announcements</li> <li>◆ Recognition of members who have passed away</li> <li>◆ Introduction of GMQG board members and new members</li> <li>◆ Secretary's report – Sandy Wilmot</li> <li>◆ Treasurer's report – Robin Mascitti</li> <li>◆ GMQG website changes – Jan Sherman</li> </ul>
10:00 am	Program: Demos (1/2 hour and switch) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. English paper piecing – Wendy Richardson</li> <li>2. Flange bindings – Liz Achilles</li> </ol>
11:00 am	Show & Tell – Soni Johnson
Noon	Time for lunch, shopping, up-close viewing and voting on show and tell items, and last chance to enter raffles
1:00 pm	Barn Quilt update – Marianne Kotch
1:15 pm	Program: Demos (1/2 hour and switch) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rope bowls and mats – Robin Mascitti</li> <li>2. Manx quilting – Soni Johnson</li> </ol>
2:15 pm	Show and Tell awards, door prize and raffle block drawings
2:45 pm	Good bye and Clean Up



#### **Remember to Bring:**

- ◆ Nametag
- ◆ Refreshments to Share (last names N-Z)
- ◆ Your Lunch
- ◆ Show & Tell items
- ◆ Cash for shopping
- ◆ Raffle Blocks

#### **To Do at the Meeting:**

- ◆ **Check in** at Membership Table.
- ◆ **Sign in items** for **Show and Tell**
- ◆ Drop off **Raffle Block(s)**
- ◆ Drop off Refreshments
- ◆ **Shop** the Vendors
- ◆ **Shop** the Mini Yard Sale



## The Mini Yard Sale is Back for the Fall Meeting

The October 29th meeting of the Green Mountain Quilters Guild will feature a Quilter's Mini Yard Sale!

Fall cleaning is an annual tradition. If your quilt room is on your list for cleaning and reorganizing, we will set aside tables for up to ten members to sell their surplus fabric, tools, notions, books, and what-have-you. Here is an opportunity for sellers to get rid of unused rulers, "ugly" fabric, books, and even finished items like totes or zipper bags. Here's an opportunity for shoppers to find things that "spark joy" or that they've been looking for.

Each "vendor" will be able to use half of an 8' long table in any way she/he wishes. Mark your prices carefully with stickers or clear signs. Bring a little change. Plan to bring all unsold items home with you at the end of the day. A goodwill offering to the guild would be greatly appreciated, too.

The day's program will include time to browse the tables. Shoppers should plan to bring small bills and/or a checkbook to make life easier for the "vendors."

To reserve your half table, contact **Sandy Wilmot, GMQG Corresponding Secretary**, at [greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com). First come, first served.



## Show & Tell

### October Meeting Show & Tell

I am taking over Show & Tell from Robin this year. Those are big shoes to fill, and I want to extend my thanks to Robin for all of the time and energy she has brought to every meeting over the years.

Show & Tell is one of my favorite parts of the meeting. I love to see what everyone has been working on. The wide variety of projects and the fabrics used to create them always astounds me. I can get inspiration for a new project or ideas on how to resolve a project I've gotten stuck on when watching and listening to the presentations.

Bring your creations to the Fall meeting and enter them in Show & Tell! No matter how big or small, we look forward to seeing them all! Prizes will be awarded!

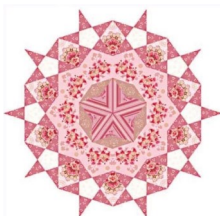
See you at the meeting!

**Soni Johnson, Guild Member**



## Fall Program: Demos

By popular demand, the fall GMQG program will feature four demonstrations by members. Two will be presented in the morning and two in the afternoon, with both workshops repeating so that everyone can enjoy all four in the day. Here's what you can look forward to learning about:



**English Paper Piecing** – Wendy Richardson has been working on a *La Passacaglia* quilt using Tula Pink fabrics for almost a year. This challenging quilt uses English paper piecing, and by now Wendy has become an expert in fussy cutting fabric, glue basting these patches to the papers, and attaching the pieces together by hand. You will be amazed at how gorgeous her quilt is going to be.



**Flange Bindings** – Liz Achilles will show and tell how to make a neat, machine sewn binding with a faux flange or piping that serves to dress up your finished project. The flange adds a little spot of color that frames the quilt.



**Manx Quilting** – Soni Johnson will introduce “Manx Quilting,” which originated on the Isle of Man. It is traditionally hand-pieced and is similar in appearance and layout to a log cabin block. The method was developed to use the resources available (fabric, thread, and your hands); no scissors or rulers are needed. Block construction is also similar to the log cabin (with a few differences) and they are quick and easy to piece. Soni has been working on a small Manx project. She will bring it to the meeting and demonstrate the traditional process and talk about modifications she might make to that process for her next project.



**Rope Mats** – Robin Mascitti will show how to make a hot pad or bowl using fabric strips, clothesline, fabric glue and the zigzag stitch on a home sewing machine. This is a great project to use up all those scrap fabric strings that have accumulated over time!



### Win a Bundle of FQ's!

You just might win a bundle of fat quarters at the October 29 GMQG meeting, while supporting your local quilt shop and the guild! Here's how:

Visit your local quilt shop and buy at least one fat quarter. Make sure to get a business card from the shop.

- ◆ Bring the fat quarter and business card to add to the basket set aside for the raffle.
- ◆ Buy raffle tickets @ \$1 for one or \$5 for six chances.

Winner takes all the fat quarters home to add to your stash! You'll be supporting the guild, win or lose.

## Barn Quilts Sweep the State

Did you know that there are at least 600 barn quilts all over Vermont? Do you have a barn quilt affixed to your house, garage, barn, or other outbuilding? Would you like to have one? And would you like yours to be included in a statewide self-guided tour? Would you be interested in helping to document barn quilts in your area?



The GMQG is embarking on a project to coordinate efforts statewide, with the ultimate goal the creation of an online interactive map of barn quilt locations by county. A September information session in Barre drew 33 enthusiastic quilters and non-quilters who left thinking about adding barn quilts to their homes and outbuildings. Speakers included Sharon Perry and Fern Mercure of Franklin County and Carrie Cauoette-DeLallo and Sarah Cauoette of Chelsea Arts. GMQG hopes to offer more of these sessions around the state in 2023.

Vermont has several active groups and individuals involved in promoting barn quilts regionally.

- <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org> – organized by avid quilter Sharon and Fern of the Sheldon Raiders Homemakers Club, their original 2009 project has grown to include over 500 barn quilts in Franklin County. They hope to expand their project to other counties.
- [HOME \(chelseavt-arts.com\)](http://HOME(chelseavt-arts.com)) – In 2018 Chelsea Arts Collective members Carrie and Sarah encouraged local artists in and around Chelsea to create about 125 barn quilts. Their website offers an amazing slide show.
- Quilters' Corner at Middlebury Sew and Vac ([www.middleburysewvac.com](http://www.middleburysewvac.com)) occasionally offers barn quilt classes led by Sandra Bonomo. The day-long sessions cover how to draft, tape and paint a pre-primed 2' x 2' board that can be attached to a building.
- Kimberly O'Brine Hess will be offering a day-long how-to workshop in October in Essex. She's also willing to come to a town to teach a minimum of eight people. Contact Kimberly at (802) 238-4169 or [hesskimberly@gmail.com](mailto:hesskimberly@gmail.com) for details.
- Ellen Lynch of West Haven sent us some brochures about the barn quilts she makes and sells. For more information, call (802) 265-8390 or email [rattler358@aol.com](mailto:rattler358@aol.com).

You can find more information about making and sharing your barn quilt at a national website, <http://barnquiltinfo.com/>, run by Suzi Parron, author of several books and a popular speaker at quilt shows. Parron's website also includes links to some Vermont barn quilts not located in Franklin County or the Chelsea area. If you would like your barn quilt included in the interactive map, email [suziparron@gmail.com](mailto:suziparron@gmail.com).

Documenting barn quilts isn't hard to do, but, if one isn't easily seen from the road, please ask the property owner for permission to include it on any online maps and sites. Collecting this information is a fun project for anyone who loves to drive the backroads of Vermont. It works best when there are two people – one to drive and one to write down the information. GMQG is looking for volunteers to gather information about barn quilts in areas outside Franklin County and Chelsea. If you're interested, please contact Marianne Kotch at (802) 476-4185 or email [mkotch731@gmail.com](mailto:mkotch731@gmail.com).

If you have a barn quilt, please complete the form on the following page.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD  
BARN QUILT DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Please complete this form and email it to [greenmountainquilters@gmail.com](mailto:greenmountainquilters@gmail.com). *Thank you!*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this barn quilt \_\_\_\_\_ yours? \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's\*?

Location / street address of barn quilt: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_

Is the barn quilt visible from the road? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no\*

\* If you answered no, please obtain permission of the property owner to send the information to us. Explain that we are compiling information about the barn quilts in order to provide an online "Quilt Trail" that visitors may visit as they travel our back roads. We will not include the owners' names on any publicity or on the website.

What are the GPS coordinates of the barn quilt (use an app on your phone)?

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_, Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the block depicted: \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd rather not email this information, feel free to photocopy this form and mail it to:

Green Mountain Quilters Guild  
c/o Marianne Kotch  
1 Wildersburg Common  
Barre, VT 05641



**Barn Quilt Painting**, A fun day of Barn Quilt Painting with Kimberly O'Brine Hess at St. Pius Church located at 20 Jericho Road, Essex, VT, Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 9 am to 4 pm.

This is a beginner class where you will start with a 2'x2' primed board and go through the steps of drafting, taping and painting. Over the 7 hour class, you will leave with a finished quilt block ready to adorn your home, barn or business.

Cost of the class is \$85 and payment is due at the time of class. RSVP is required as space is limited.

If you will be attending, please complete the following Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/UzD6M7rRGgHiJinU8>

Please note that the event is limited to a maximum of 10 people. Future dates will be added.

## Fun With “I Found a Quilted Heart”

Looking for something to do with orphan blocks, I stumbled upon a nice activity online. Quilters around the world are leaving quilted hearts in public places for people to find and, maybe, report. It’s like a message in a bottle, quilter-style.

It all started in 2014 with three sisters and their husbands on a vacation in the Nevada desert. While the sisters looked for a decent cell connection, their husbands explored some caves and came upon a fabric heart with a tag that read, “I need a home.” The sisters were so impressed by this free, random act of kindness that they resolved to make some and spread them around. Others joined in, and a

website was created for people to report the hearts they’ve found: <https://www.ifoundaquiltedheart.com>. Over 23,000 hearts have been found all around the world. There’s also a Facebook page for posting photos of found hearts.



*“I Found a Quilted Heart”*

Anyone can participate in this simple project. Just make a palm-sized heart, stuffed or sandwiched with batting. Attach a tag (you can print out a sheet of them from the website) and hang it on a tree or bush or at any other public place for someone to find. Do not include your name or contact information.

I used two orphan crumb blocks that I sandwiched and sewed together. I stitched around a freezer paper heart shape and pinked the edges. Then I added a ribbon hanger and pinned on the tag. Next time, I might use a satin stitch to close them off and, maybe, add some embellishments – buttons, charms, or bits of lace.

The “crazy heart ladies” (as their kids call them) have posted some guidelines for where and how to place your hearts. Public places are encouraged, but not commercial ones, like stores or airports, or places where they might be thrown away. They suggest “a local park, hiking trail, highway rest stop, community center, outdoor shopping center, town square, foyer of public place, community bulletin board, beach, nature trail, museum, tourist attraction, trees, bushes and fences in downtown areas, etc. “

There are also some caveats, the most important being that this should be an entirely volunteer, free, anonymous activity. It’s supposed to be fun and simply a kind gesture to strangers.

Each tag includes the website for folks to report finding a heart, and anyone can search for photos by location. It’s fun to look at the various hearts that have been found - 139 in Vermont when I last looked. Even if you don’t hear whether your hearts are found, you will surely get a kick out of knowing that someone will enjoy them eventually.

***Marianne Kotch, President***



## My “Dear Jane” Obsession

I first saw Jane Stickle’s amazing Civil War-era sampler at the Vermont Quilt Festival. Every block was a treasure in itself, and I soon found myself the owner of Brenda Papadakis’ book *Dear Jane* and the templates that went with it. Thus began my journey as a “Janeiac.”



*Quilt made by Jane A. Stickle in 1863.*

Over the course of several years, I made several quilts using the block patterns, beginning with the outside border triangles. The intricate designs were perfect for keeping my mind occupied during and after the 2002 death of my dear Aunt Eugenie in the Netherlands. They became the border of a red, white, and blue quilt in her honor. Then I started working on the little 4.5” blocks, eventually making a blue and white version, an Asian and black version, a crib-sized quilt using 1930s fabrics, a Christmas Jane, and a few other samplers. I was definitely hooked for years, possessing not one but two copies of Papadakis’ first edition, one of which I took apart in order to photocopy the blocks more easily.

Working on my “Baby Jane” quilts made me a much better quilter, mastering paper piecing, appliqué, and even reverse appliqué in the process. Finishing just one block was a very satisfying experience. I also made friends around the world, swapping blocks, stories, and advice. One of the most exciting moments of my “Dear Jane” life was attending my first Green Mountain Quilters Guild meeting and running into a friend I’d made online but never met in person. Seeing my name tag, she said “I’m Ginny!” and I felt immediately welcomed to the group. What a surprise to find we live in the same town.

A few years have passed, and now I own a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Papadakis’ *Dear Jane*. I’ve been down to visit The Quilt at the Bennington Museum a few times, too. It will be on display there this fall between Labor Day and Indigenous Peoples’ Day. If you’d like to learn more about Jane Stickle (1817-1896) and her amazing quilt, see <https://bennington.pastperfectonline.com/webobject/A3407F2D-4FD1-45EB-A490-388391985390>. Researchers continue to piece together facts about Stickle’s life, as revealed in an online lecture I attended through the museum.

Call me crazy, but I now want to take a stab at another Baby Jane during 2023. Would anyone like to join me? If you do, please share your blocks on the GMQG Facebook page, and I’ll do the same.

**Marianne Kotch, President**



Our next meeting will be a Saturday in May, 2023, at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Randolph.

We welcome submissions from members and guilds for the newsletter. Deadline for the spring newsletter is April 1, 2023.



# GMQG TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Summary: FY 2023 through September 1, 2022

Checking		Savings	
Ending Balance		Ending Balance	
9/1/2022	\$ 1,066.64	9/1/2022	\$ 2,008.89

## Transactions

FY 2022 Through September 1, 2022			
Revenue		Expenses	
\$540.00	Membership dues	(\$200.00)	Suzy Klinefelter
\$105.00	Guild donations	(\$300.00)	Lynn Wheatley
\$200.00	Auction	(\$300.00)	Venue Rental
<b>\$845.00</b>	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>(\$800.00)</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
<b>\$ 45.00 Net Gain</b>			

*Robin Mascitti, Treasurer*



## GMQG BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President - Marianne Kotch</b>
<b>Vice President - Lorrie Churchill</b>
<b>Treasurer - Robin Mascitti</b>
<b>Recording Secretary - Sandy Wilmot</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary and Facebook - Sandy Wilmot</b>
<b>Membership - Jan Sherman</b>
<b>Historian - vacant</b>
<b>Newsletter and Guild Liaison - Tess Greaves</b>
<b>Webmasters - Jan Sherman, Sandy Wilmot</b>
<b>Website: <a href="https://greenmountainquiltersguild.wordpress.com">greenmountainquiltersguild.wordpress.com</a> (current)</b>
<b><a href="https://greenmountainquiltersguild.com">greenmountainquiltersguild.com</a> (coming soon)</b>
<b>Join us on FACEBOOK! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1678830182330328/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1678830182330328/</a></b>
<b>Contact any GMQG Board Member by email at: <a href="mailto:greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com">greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com</a></b>





**Green Mountain Quilters Guild Spring Meeting 2022**  
**May 14, 2022**  
**Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Randolph, Vermont**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**

Marianne Kotch, the Guild President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. She introduced the Board and thanked them for all their work over the past year.

The group had no information about members that passed away over the past year.

Sandy Wilmot gave the Secretary's Report. The minutes for the Fall 2021 meeting were published in the Newsletter and are available on Facebook. No questions or corrections were offered.

Robin Mascitti gave the Treasurer's Report and distributed printouts of the bank balance as of April 29, 2022. The Checking Account had an ending balance of \$1,048.22 and the Savings Account had an ending balance of \$2,008.85. She explained that most of the funds in the checking account will be used for speakers and room rental for the spring meeting. Due to Covid we had very little new income over the past 2 years.

She also presented a proposed budget for the 2022-2023 year. The income is expected to be \$861.00 and expenses at \$1,250. This will require using \$389 of savings. The income estimate is based on 30 paying members, additional donations from members, and several fundraising efforts such as the tea-pot auction. A discussion pursued on ways to increase membership from local guilds. One proposal was to increase our website visibility by changing from a Freeware site to a paid site. Several participants noted that they were unable to find our website using a Google search. The Quiet Valley Guild offered information on their website which pays \$150 for a 5-year domain name plus a monthly fee using Blue Host. The group concluded that while this would be valuable, there wasn't enough funding to do this right now.

There was a concern that the local guilds may not be receiving an invitation to the GMQG meetings. Each participant then identified their local guilds so that we can improve connections, communication and participation from all the guilds in Vermont. Attending the meeting were representatives from: Calico County Guild, Heart of Vermont Guild, Delectable Mountain Guild, Common Threads, Champlain Valley Quilters Guild, Vermont Modern Quilt Guild, Dog River Quilters, Northeast Connecticut Quilters, Quiet Valley Quilters, Maple Leaf Quilters, and Northern Lights Quilting Guild (NH/VT).

The motion was made to approve the budget as proposed and passed unanimously.

Members were asked to share their talents by providing a free presentation or workshop at future meetings.

In addition, a motion was made to increase membership dues from \$15 to \$20 for the 2023-2024 year. This motion passed unanimously.

The business meeting ended at 10:11 AM.

***Sincerely submitted by Sandy Wilmot, May 15, 2022***

## GMQG Spring Meeting Show & Tell

Hand-made ribbons were awarded to the winners of Show and Tell:

Baby/Lap Quilt	1) Marianne Kotch (Elephants)
Miniatures	1) Sharon Shorey (Winding Ways) 2) Sue Schoolcraft (Doll with hat) 3) Liz Achilles (Christmas Tree)
Wallhangings	1) Judy Kenison (Dahlia Delight) 2) Roz Daniels (Geometric Tail Lights) 3) Roz Daniels (Black, white, red log cabins)
Bed Quilts	1) Wendy Richardson (Nebula) 2) Liz Achilles (Mystery Quilt) 3) Judy Kenison (Sea Glass)
Garment	1) Bonnie Morin (Jacket)

### Robin Gurney, Historian



### Help Wanted

The GMQG needs to fill these positions:

- ◆ Photographer
  - Take photos at our semi-annual meetings.
  - Share photos on the GMQG's Facebook page and Website.
- ◆ Historian
  - Maintain files of the GMQG's historical documents.
  - Share items of interest at meetings, in the newsletters, on Facebook and Website.



**Volunteer's  
Needed!**

If interested, speak to us in person or email: [greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com)



If you have thoughts, ideas, suggestions, complaints, etc. feel free to call or email, GMQG President, Marianne Kotch at [mkotch731@gmail.com](mailto:mkotch731@gmail.com) or home phone: 802-476-4185.

## Membership

If you didn't register in May and wish to now, please fill out the registration form below and mail it with your check to Jan Sherman, 4426 VT Route 100, Waterbury, VT 05676. If you aren't sure if you registered or not, please contact me at [greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com) and I will check it for you. I'm looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

### *Jan Sherman, Membership*



**Green Mountain Quilters Guild  
2022-2023 Membership Form**  
Annual Membership is May 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Please pre-register if possible.**

**To register, send these 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

**OR, you may bring your check and completed form to the next meeting.**

***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** \_\_\_\_

**What do you teach?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Membership Chair: New** \_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash** \_\_\_\_\_