

Green Mountain Quilters Guild "MOUNTAIN PIECERS" Spring 2023 Newsletter



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

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

President's Message

As I write this, there is still snow on the ground, and my jacket and car need a good washing. I'm sick of wearing boots and look longingly at my sandals. Having been confined indoors for much of the winter with UFOs to keep me busy, I look forward to renewing my quilters' energy by starting a few new projects, getting out to quilt shows, and meeting other quilters. Our May 6 GMQG spring meeting should be just what I need!

The GMQG board has a fun and informative program planned, again at Our Lady of the Angels church in Randolph on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 9:30 am. Please feel free to bring a friend(s) for a day of inspiration and conviviality. Our panel of four Vermont pattern designers will be both interesting and encouraging, as will Vermont Quilt Festival Chair, Marty DelNevo's update on plans for New England's largest quilt show in June.

We will try for an efficient, productive business meeting to start the day. We'll vote on a budget for the coming year and on new officers. We still have a few board positions, both elected (Recording Secretary) and appointed (Membership Chair and Historian), to fill, so if you'd like to become more involved "behind the scenes," please don't hesitate

to offer to help. I would especially like to thank Jan Sherman for her years of service to the guild, first as Treasurer and for the last ten or more years as Membership Chair. The board once again will be making the coffee, but we are happy to have help with that also. Please don't forget to feed the coffee kitty and bring a snack to share as well as a mug to help save our planet.

Many people find Show and Tell the best part of the day, and we want to see your winter projects, large and small. You'll be inspiring others and, perhaps, seeing things that get your own creative juices flowing. You'll want to take home some items sold by vendors, including patterns by our speakers, as well as items "won" in the quilters' auction. Besides that popular event, there will be a few other drawings during the meeting. Outgoing Vice President, Lorrie Churchill has chosen a 12" "garlic knot" block in spring colors as our raffle block (enter as many blocks as you'd like), and there will also be a few door prizes.

It will be fun to see you all again!

Marianne Kotch, President



Green Mountain Quilters Guild Spring Meeting Agenda Saturday, May 6, 2023

9:00 am	Doors open for coffee and refreshments; sign up for Show and Tell, enter door prize and raffle block drawings; visit vendors; browse and bid on Quilters' Auction			
9:30 am	 Business Meeting, Marianne Kotch presiding Announcements Recognition of members who have passed away Introduction of GMQG board members and new members Secretary's report – Sandy Wilmot Treasurer's report – Robin Mascitti Nominations and election of officers for 2023-2025 GMQG website changes - Jan Sherman and Sandy Wilmot 			
10:15 am	Vermont Pattern Designers Showcase, featuring Karen Abrahamovich, Kathleen Doran, Tess Greaves and Sharon Shorey, patterns will be available for sale in the vendor area.			
11:15 am	Time to shop, enter the auction, socialize			
11:30 am	Show & Tell – Soni Johnson			
12:15 pm	Time for lunch, shopping, up-close viewing and voting on show and tell items, and last chance to bid on Quilters' Auction items			
1:00 pm	Vermont Quilt Festival Update - Martina delNevo, VQF Chair			
1:30 pm	Barn Quilt Update - Marianne Kotch			
1:45 pm	Show and Tell awards, Quilters' Auction, door prize and raffle block drawings			
3:00 pm	Good bye and Clean Up			

Remember to Bring:

- ♦ Nametag
- Refreshments to Share
- ♦ Your own coffee cup & 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
- Check out the Quilters' Auction
- Shop the vendors & mini yard sale

Spring Program Features Pattern Design

You bought a pattern at a local quilt shop and now you wonder... Where do pattern designers get their ideas? Will there be any mistakes in the instructions? How did the pattern end up in the shop? What will happen if you change the fabrics? These questions and more will be answered by several Vermont quilt pattern designers at the spring meeting of the Green Mountain Quilters Guild. It's set for Saturday, May 6, 2023, beginning at 9:30 am at Our Lady of the Angels Church, just off I-89 in Randolph. You don't have to be a GMQG member to attend, but we hope this program will encourage you to join.

A panel of Vermont quilt pattern designers will speak after the brief business meeting, at around 10:00 am. These designers include some seasoned designers as well as those just starting out. As you can see, each comes from a different perspective.

- Karen Abrahamovich (www.machinequiltvt.com) has designed 15 state patterns, beginning with Vermont in several sizes, and Ireland. Her goal is to design one for each state. Her machine quilting has won a number of awards at the Vermont Quilt Festival.
- Kathy Dorman (<u>www.kathleendormandesigns.com</u>) is new to selling her designs and currently has one available as a downloadable .pdf.
- Tess Greaves (<u>www.etsy.com/shop/ASeasonForQuilting</u>) has three printed patterns available and a number of items based on those patterns for sale.
- Sharon Shorey (Mini Traditions) has won many awards for her miniature quilts at the Vermont Quilt Festival and is a favorite trunk show speaker at guild meetings in the region. Her patterns are based on some of her more popular quilts.

Each panel member will share her experiences and offer tips for developing and using patterns. There will be time to purchase their patterns during the mid-morning break and at lunchtime.

Marianne Kotch, President





May Meeting Show and Tell

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 Spring 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, Show & Tell

The Return of the Quilters' Auction!

This year's spring GMQG meeting wouldn't be complete without another Quilters' Auction. Besides being a great way to "prune" your stash, it's always a popular fundraiser for the guild. Bring things you think other quilters will enjoy such as bundles of fat quarters, yardage, thread, notions, books, homemade jam, baskets, plants, books, and more. If your home includes smokers, please make sure to give items a good airing before bringing them.

Here's how it will work:

- Local guilds and individual members are encouraged to bring items for auction. The more items there are, the greater your chance of "winning" something.
- We will set the items out and sell tickets for bidding (\$10 for a card of 15 tickets).
- Each item or group of items will have a paper bag taped to the table in front of it. Put one or more tickets into any bag you'd like to win.
- Winners will be drawn toward the end of the day so that you can take your items home.
- All proceeds will help GMQG offer more excellent programs in the future.

Marianne Kotch, President





Spring Cleaning for the "Quilters' Mini Yard Sale"

After you've made a pile of things for this year's quilters' auction and you still have fabric, notions, books or tools that you'd like to get rid of, consider reserving table space at our Quilters' Mini Yard Sale. In addition to other vendors, you can sell your extra quilting goods. One person's waste is another person's treasure!

We will set aside tables for eight members to sell their goods. This will allow 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."

Membership Chair Needed

After a long stint at membership chair (ten years?) and at least four years as Treasurer of the Green Mountain Quilters Guild, Jan Sherman has decided to retire from office, at least for a while. That means that we are looking for a new membership chair – could it be you?

Serving as membership chair doesn't take a lot of time, and it is a great way to get to know all the members of our statewide guild. Jan receives applications and cash/checks for membership each spring, mostly before and at the spring meeting. You will be seeing Jan, calmly handling the long line at the door as you arrive at the meeting May 6 in Randolph. She turns the funds over to Treasurer Robin Mascitti and keeps our mailing list up to date, sharing the Excel spreadsheet with newsletter editor Tess Greaves to use for mailings. Jan runs a membership application form in each newsletter and helps recruit new guild members. At our spring and fall meetings, Jan makes sure to welcome and recognize new members with a special drawing. Because the membership chair serves on the board, s/he attends board meetings (usually twice a year) to help plan programs and activities.

The GMQG also needs a volunteer to fill the Historian position. This person maintains files of the GMQG's historical documents and shares items of interest at meetings, in the newsletters and social media.

If the above sounds like something you'd like to try, please contact me at greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com.

Marianne Kotch, President



Slate For Elections Announced

The guild's nominating committee, headed by Vice President Lorrie Churchill, has developed a slate of officers to run for election at the May 6 meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. So far, the following have agreed to run for two year terms, beginning after May 6:

- President Marianne Kotch, Barre
- ♦ Vice-President Soni Johnson, Barre
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary/Social Media Sandy Wilmot, Underhill
- **♦** Recording Secretary vacant
- ◆ Treasurer Robin Mascitti, Plainfield

Robin and Marianne have held their offices for two years, while Sandy has held both secretarial slots and would like to concentrate on one. Soni is newer to the board and has been in charge of show and tell since the fall meeting. Thanks to Lorrie for her service as Vice President over the last five years, including chairing the nominating committee which also included Nola Forbes and Soni Johnson.

If you are interested in running for the office of recording secretary, please let Marianne know (greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com). It involves taking the minutes at general meetings as well as board meetings and distributing them to members, either via the newsletter or email.

VQF Exhibits to Feature Daniels, GMQG Members

The Vermont Quilt Festival, to be held June 21-24, 2023, at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds in Essex Junction, will feature the quilts of one longtime GMQG member as well as a special exhibit of quilts that show what Vermont's quilt guilds do.

GMQG member Roz Daniels will be having a retrospective of her 30 years of quilting. Roz was the featured speaker in October, 2021, at our first meeting after the two year pandemic hiatus. Her quilts are fun, innovative, and interesting, and we are proud that she is an enthusiastic member of our guild. When asked to speak in 2021, Roz said, "for many years the Green Mountain Quilt Guild was the only guild I had access to, so the group helped me a lot and really has a special place in my heart." Roz's work has been exhibited most recently at Studio Place Arts in Barre and the Chandler Center for the Arts, Randolph.

The Showcase: Vermont Guilds exhibit will include quilts from many of the state's local guilds as well as the Green Mountain Quilters Guild. Notable is the 1984 GMQG banner by one of the guild's original members, Jeanne Hutchinson, to commemorate the guild's fifth year. Hutchinson interpreted the guild logo with her expert hand appliqué, embroidery, and hand quilting. She honored guild founders Cyrena Persons and Louise Leister in the quilting. In 2019, the 40th anniversary of the guild's founding, GMQG president Sue Schoolcraft challenged members to develop their own interpretations of the guild logo. Robin Mascitti's and Marianne Kotch's quilts offers two modern versions, each using different designs and fabrics.

Three other quilts by members Tess Greaves (*Ode to Ash*), Jane Buskey (*Sudoku Quilt*) and Carol Roach (*Log Cabin Surprise*) offer contemporary designs of special note. They reflect the variety of programs GMQG has offered over the years, including demonstrations, quilt alongs, and special speakers.

This will be the first in-person VQF in three years. If you go, please stop by our table near the special exhibit to say "hi!"



Register Early for the Early Registration Drawing!

Let's do away with registration table long lines! PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION! Any registrations received by April 26, 2023 will be entered in an Early Registration 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 \$20.00.
- 2. The completed current registration form.
- 3. Include a stamped self-addressed envelope if you'd like your membership card mailed to you.

Pre-registration is encouraged. If you register at the door, please bring your completed registration form and check (or cash) with you. Thank you!

Jan Sherman, Membership Chair



By Marianne Kotch



Last spring, I heard about the *Welcome Blanket* project calling for quilts, afghans, and other blanket-like items to be given to refugees resettling in Vermont. My local quilt shop, A Quilters Garden, was one drop off place for the project. Each item submitted needed to be about 40" square and accompanied by a message of welcome for its new owner. Having emigrated to this country from the Netherlands as child, I believe I share a special bond with people settling in the US from afar. I *had* to participate.

What do you know? I still had a bunch of yoyo blocks left over from the GMQG giant yoyo quilt project of 2018-19. They'd be great in a scrappy quilt. Even the back, batting, and binding of my little quilt were made of scraps. But it didn't use nearly enough yoyos; in fact, I still have a few just waiting to be included in future projects.

Some 80 Welcome Blankets and accompanying welcome messages were on exhibit at the Heritage Winooski Mill Museum earlier this year before they were given to refugees in the community. In March, the Mill Museum even held a special workshop on making and using yoyos which gave me quite a chuckle.

Welcome Blanket is a nation-wide project created in 2017 by Jayna Zweiman, co-creator and co-founder of the Pussyhat Project. Zweiman believed that Welcome Blanket could be a tangible way to engage the community in welcoming our newest Refugee population to America. She expects to make it an ongoing project, and to date around 6,500 have been distributed nationwide. You can learn more about the project at http://www.welcomeblanket.org and https://www.themillmuseum.org/welcomeblanketvt. When watching the video on the museum's site, keep an eye out for my quilt.



State of Maine Shop Hop, Shops across Maine invite you to Shop Hop. April 1-30, 2023 Win Prizes - Official State of Maine Quilt Shop Hop Website (maineshophop.com)



Mount St. Joseph Academy, 127 Convent Ave, Rutland, VT 05701

Festival of Quilts - mapleleafquilters's JimdoPage!

New England Quilt Expo 2023, April 20-22, 2023.

Expo Center, Double Tree Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester, NH

New England Quilt Expo LLC 2023 – Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Shop (bnpquilts.com)

Hands All Around 18 Quilt Show, April 22-23, 2023.

Hampshire College, 893 West St., Route 116, Amherst, MA

<u>Quilt Show - Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild - Amherst, MA quilt guild - sharing the love of quilting in the Pioneer Valley for the past 40 years</u>

Quilted Illusions, Capital Quilters 2023 Biannual Quilt Show, April 28-29, 2023

Pembroke Academy, 209 Academy Road, Pembroke, NH

Quilt Show (capitalquiltersguild.com)



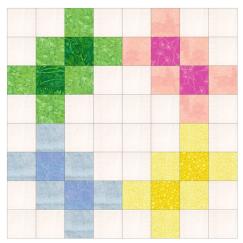


Diagram 1



Diagram 2

"Garlic Knot" Block Exchange

A new quilt block exchange for the Spring 2023 GMQG meeting, the "Garlic Knot" Block with a spring time color palette! Diagram 1 is an example of (4) Garlic Knot blocks together. Hope you enjoy! *Lorrie Churchill*

Cutting for Each Block:

From bleached muslin: cut (8) - 3 ½ inch squares

From medium spring color: cut (6) - 3 ½ inch squares

From dark spring color: cut (2) - 3 ½ inch squares

Sew the squares together following **Diagram 2** using a ¼ inch seam allowance.

Summer & Fall Places to Go!





Maine Quilts 2023, July 27-29, 2023, Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta, ME Maine Quilts 2023 – Pine Tree Quilters Guild, Inc.

Quilts All Around Town, Clamshell Quilt Guild Biannual Quilt Show, August 4-6, 2023 Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave,, New London, CT Clamshell Quilt Show (clamshellquiltguild.org)

Bennington Quiltfest 2023, Quiet Valley Quilters Guild, September 16-17, 2023. Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington, VT Bennington Quiltfest - Quiet Valley Quilters

Quilting in the Land of Milk and Honey Quilt Show, October 7-8, 2023 Middlebury Recreation Center, 154 Creek Road, Middlebury, VT Milk & Honey Quilters' Guild - Our Show (milkandhoneyquilters.com)

Ninigret Quilters 2023 Quilt Show, October 13-15, 2023 Westerly Armory, 41 Railroad Ave, Westerly, RI Ninigret Quilters: Quilt Show 2023

GMQG Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023

Checking										
Starting Balance		Total Expenditures			Total Deposits	Ending Balance		nce		
5/1/2022	\$	1,021.64	\$	(1,192.96)	\$	1,171.32	3/15/20	23	\$	1,000.00
				Sa	vir	ngs				
Starting Balance		Total Total Expenditures Deposits			Ending Balance					
5/1/2022	\$	2,008.85	\$	-	\$	0.26	3/15/20	23	\$	2,009.11

Transactions

May 1, 2022—April 30, 2023					
Revenue:					
\$ 600.00	Membership dues				
\$ 186.32	Guild donations				
\$ 290.00	Spring Auction				
\$ 75.00	Fall fat quarter raffle				
\$ 20.00	Guest fees				
\$1,171.32	Total Revenue				
Expenses:					
\$ (92.96)	Newsletter postage Sept 22				
\$ (500.00)	Speakers, May 2022				
\$ (600.00)	Hall rental				
(\$1,192.96)	Total Expenses				
\$ (21.64)	Net Loss				

Proposed FY 2024 Budget May 2023—April 2024

INCOME						
\$ 800.00	Membership dues (40@\$20 each)					
\$ 50.00	Guest fees					
\$ 300.00	Spring Auction					
\$ 100.00	Other Fundraising (FQ raffle)					
\$.26	Interest on savings					
\$ 200.00	Guild donations					
\$1,450.26	Total Income					
	EXPENSES					
\$ (200.00)	Newsletter/postage					
\$ (600.00)	Hall rental (May/Oct)					
\$ (300.00)	Speakers/Mileage					
\$ (200.00)	Website					
(\$1,300.00)	Total Expenses					
\$ 150.26	Net Gain					

Robin Mascitti, Treasurer



Green Mountain Quilters Guild Fall Meeting Minutes, October 29, 2022 Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, Randolph, Vermont

President Marianne Kotch called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Twenty-six members, four of them new, were present. Marianne mentioned the death of Vermont quilter, Judy Dales, who "wrote the book on curved piecing" (Roz Daniels), showed at VQF and also presented at GMQG over the years.

Marianne introduced the officers present, and Jan introduced the new members. Treasurer Robin Mascitti gave her report, which shows a not-unexpected current deficit of \$345.83 for the year, although the current bank balance from both savings and checking is \$2,682.63. Marianne noted that we need to continue fund raising. Robin announced that we had raised \$75 on the fat quarter raffle, and Soni Johnson said she hoped we would have a spring quilters' auction again. Marianne suggested that people cleaning their sewing rooms over the winter set items aside to bring to the spring meeting. She reminded the group that we had decided in spring to spend funds on upgrading the guild website rather than on speakers this year.

Marianne asked the group if they were amenable to holding the 2023 spring meeting on April 29 again at Our Lady of the Angels Church. This is an earlier date than traditional, but may be more convenient. Most seemed to agree, so Marianne said she'd persue the date with the church. She encouraged anyone with a program idea to contact any board member.

She also asked if anyone would be interested in participating in a sew-along of the Jane Stickle Quilt, as displayed at the Bennington Museum. A new edition of the book, *Dear Jane*, has spurred interest in this noteworthy quilt. Marianne will post photos of blocks she's making on the GMQG Facebook page and hopes members will do the same. People can jump in at any time and make as many blocks as they like.

Marianne introduced the morning's demonstration programs: English Paper Piecing with Wendy Richardson and Flange Bindings with Liz Achilles. Following the programs, Soni Johnson led show and tell, noting that she is considering revising the categories for the spring meeting.

After lunch, Marianne gave a brief overview of the GMQG-sponsored Barn Quilt meeting Sept. 10 in Barre. Speakers included Sharon Perry and Fern Mercure of Franklin County and Carrie Caouette-DeLallo and Sarah Caouette of the Chelsea Arts Collective. Both quilters and non-quilters attended and were very enthusiastic about making barn quilts. Marianne noted that a form to document barn quilts in Vermont was a handout that day and has also been included in the guild newsletter and on the website. She hopes to hold another meeting in the southern part of the state in the spring. Meanwhile, Kimberly O'Brine Hess of Essex has been holding monthly workshops to make barn quilts, and Ellen Lynch of West Haven and her sister Sue were in the back of the room, vending barn quilts Ellen painted. Marianne is keeping a list of barn quilt enthusiasts to share information about events.

GMQG Fall Meeting Minutes (continued)

Nola Forbes mentioned that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urged everyone to get a mammogram.

Another round of demonstrations followed – Manx Quilting with Soni Johnson and Making Rope Mats and Bowls with Robin Mascitti.

While Sue Schoolcraft counted the Show & Tell winners, Marianne mentioned a fund raising idea suggested by members: selling raffle tickets statewide for a sampler quilt with blocks made in a particular colorway by members. This might take the place of our spring block raffle. Roz Daniels won the basket of fat quarters, and the door prize winners were Ginny Poplawski and Sue Schoolcraft.

Soni then announced the winners of Show & Tell, each of whom received a choice of fat quarter:

Baby/Lap Quilt 1 – Delinda Fowler, 2 – Ginny Moody, 3-Sue Schoolcraft

Miniatures 1 – Sue Schoolcraft

Wallhanging 1 – Marianne Kotch, 2 - Sue Schooolcraft Bed Quilt 1 – Nola Forbes, 2 – Wendy Richardson

Marianne thanked everyone for coming and making this a meeting jam-packed with good ideas. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Kotch, President and Acting Secretary



GMQG Board Members

President - Marianne Kotch

Vice President - Lorrie Churchill

Treasurer - Robin Mascitti

Recording Secretary - Sandy Wilmot

Corresponding Secretary and Facebook - Sandy Wilmot

Membership - Jan Sherman

Historian - vacant

Newsletter and Guild Liaison - Tess Greaves

Webmasters - Jan Sherman, Sandy Wilmot

Website: greenmountainquiltersguild.wordpress.com (current)

greenmountainquiltersguild.com (coming soon)

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Contact any GMQG Board Member by email at: greenmountainquiltersguild@gmail.com

Green Mountain Quilters Guild 2023- 2024 Membership Form

Annual Membership is May 1st through April 30th

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 \$20 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					
	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?						
	air: New Renewal Check# Cash					



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