MILK & HONEY QUILTERS GUILD

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MEETINGS
are held in person at the American Legion in Middlebury or hybrid Zoom. If hybrid Zoom, you can join the presentation from the comfort of your home or from the Legion with other members.

WE OPEN THE DOORS
at 6:00 pm for social time and meetings start at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

WE BEGIN
with a short business meeting followed by a featured speaker who usually displays some inspirational quilts.

There's always time for
"SHOW & TELL"
where we share completed projects, works in progress, or seek advice from each other.

MEMBERSHIP
is $20 per year.
To download the registration form visit our website:
www.milkandhoneyquilters.com

VISITORS
may attend any meeting for a $5 entrance fee.

MEETING CALENDAR— 2026-2027

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 – In Person Only

Linda Diak: "Methods to My Madness"

Meeting Coordinator: Louise Prescott

An award-winning art quilter from Chester, Vermont, Linda Diak is known for her expressive animals and intricate quilting. She uses traditional techniques in nontraditional ways to impart a sense of wonder, playfulness and an element of surprise in all her quilts. The joy she brings to her work is reflected in her many stunning creations. Linda will present a trunk show of her work, from her very first foray into raw edge appliqué to her most recent works.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 – In Person Only

David Sirota: "What Makes a Quilter Tick?"

Meeting Coordinator: Susan Anderson-Ray

David is a very popular teacher on the national quilt circuit. His classes at the "big" shows sell out quickly. In this lecture, David contemplates those little quirks, passions, idiosyncrasies and obsessions we all share. Join us for a laugh-out-loud and interactive look in the mirror.

ABOUT MILK & HONEY QUILTERS GUILD

Milk & Honey Quilters Guild is a 501(c)3 group that began more than 30 years ago as an informal and supportive guild for quilters and anyone interested in quilting. We have now grown to about eighty members. Members of the guild embrace the notion that quilting has evolved from its traditional utilitarian uses to a showcase for creative ideas.
PURPOSE: "To promote the art of quilt making through education, friendship, and community service."

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 – 9:30 am, CVUUS, 2 Duane Ct., Middlebury, In Person Only

David Sirota Workshop: "No Tear Paper Piecing – Chevron Star"

Meeting Coordinators: Dorothy Hayes

We are delighted to host this workshop where David will teach his unique no-tear paper piecing technique. David's top-rated classes at the big quilt shows are always in high demand, and we are so fortunate to be able to bring him to Middlebury. This class is great for all skill levels, beginner to advanced, even if you already know how to foundation paper-piece the traditional way. David's technique and tips are game-changing. The class project will be his Chevron Star, but the skills you'll learn in class will work with any foundation paper-pieced pattern.

Pre-registration required. This class is full.
Contact us to be added to the waitlist.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 – In Person Only

Nola Forbes: "The Stories Behind Two Historical Family Quilts"

Meeting Coordinator: Cilla Leng

Nola will share extensively researched details for two special signature quilts made by family members who were Revolutionary War descendants.

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – 5:30 pm, CVUUS, 2 Duane Ct, Middlebury – In Person, Members Only

Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner & Yankee Gift Exchange

Meeting Coordinators: Terry Douglas

We'll celebrate the season and enjoy a delicious potluck dinner together. Bring a dish to share, your own place setting, and a wrapped, quilt-related item for participation in the gift exchange.

Tuesday, January 26, 2027 – Hybrid Zoom

Sarah Goer: "Rules and Options of Planned Improv Piecing"

Meeting coordinator: Sandra Bonomo

Sarah likes options... but she also likes a plan. This lecture and trunk show will discuss how Sarah uses her planning nature to develop rules for herself which drive her Planned Improv quilt design work. She shares work in a series and shows how she iterates on a design. Sarah explains how she develops a formula for her project. Quilters leave with specific ideas of how to develop a set of rules to guide their improv piecing.

Tuesday, February 23, 2027 – Hybrid Zoom

Kristin Echols: "Seminole Patchwork"

Meeting Coordinator: Dorothy Mammen

Kristin will share the history of the Seminole Indians and their vibrant patchwork technique. She will share methods for using strips of fabric to create intricate designs.

"Globe" by Shannon Brinkley

Saturday, March 20, 2027 – 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, CVUUS, 2 Duane Ct, Middlebury

"International Quilting Day" Sit & Sew

Coordinators: Dorothy Mammen, Peg Allen & Linda McManama

Community Service Sewing Day. Bring your sewing machine, thread, notions, etc., and we'll have projects for you to work on.

Tuesday, March 23, 2027 – In Person Only

Members Teaching Members

Meeting Coordinator: Fran Roller

Three guild members will each give a different 20-minute demonstration on a quilting tip or technique of their choice.

Tuesday, April 27, 2027 – In Person Only

Cindy Watrous: "Making Sheep's Wool into Felt"

Meeting Coordinator: Jenn Barber

Cindy Watrous is a local sheep farmer and artist. Between caring for her flock of sheep, chickens, ducks, geese, and now two turkeys, she creates artwork from natural fibers and reclaimed items. Her enthusiasm for crafting is unrivaled. She shares with us the process from lamb to finished needle felting projects, including the steps of shearing, dying, and preparing her fibers. She will exhibit a number of her finished pieces and explain some of her felting equipment and techniques.

Tuesday, May 25, 2027 – 6:00 pm, CVUUS, 2 Duane Ct, Middlebury – In Person, Members Only

Social Gathering – Potluck Dinner & Challenges Reveal

Meeting Coordinator: Terry Douglas

Annual pre-summer gathering. Our show and tell for the evening will be a reveal of all our challenges or projects from the past year. Bring something yummy to share for potluck dinner.

GUILD OFFICERS 2025-2026:

CO-PRESIDENTS:
Emmy Alford & Janice Gould
VICE PRESIDENT: Jenn Barber
SECRETARY: Sue Gervais
TREASURER: Barb Diette
MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Cyr
COMMUNICATIONS: Louise Prescott
COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATORS: Peg Allen & Linda McManama
SHOW CHAIR: Joyce Dicianna
PUBLICITY: Mary Ann Broughton
(New officers elected at May mtg.)

★★★ **You, too, can be a star!** ★★★

Step up and volunteer for any of the many guild tasks or positions.

(We always need help!)

THE VERMONT QUILT SHOW

June 17-19, 2027

Doubletree Expo Center, Burlington

Saturday, June 26, 2027 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, CVUUS, 2 Duane Ct., Middlebury, In Person Only

Combination Meeting & "Interleave" Workshop with Dorothy Hayes & Louise Prescott

Meeting Coordinator: Nancy Meffe

After a short business meeting, try your hand at the "Interleave" technique, created by Kent Williams and Lorrie Faith Cranor, to produce dramatic woven effects. Dorothy and Louise took this class with Heather Kojan at Maine Quilts a few years ago, and they were hooked! It may look complicated, but there are a few tricks that make it easy even for beginning sewists. Stay for open sew after the workshop.
Workshop is free for members, but registration is required.

Tuesday, July 27, 2027 – In Person Only

Super Show & Tell

Meeting Coordinator: TBD

Members are invited to share some of their favorite quilts. Bring one or bring several. Bring quilts you've made or inherited or were gifted. Bring quilts you might be stuck on & could use a bit of advice to get them finished.

Tuesday, August 24, 2027 – In Person Only

TBD, 2027

Mark your Calendar!

Quilting in the Land of Milk & Honey

Saturday & Sunday, October 9 & 10, 2027

The guild's biennial show, featuring over 200 quilts, Quilts of Valor presentation, vendors, basket raffles, raffle quilt, handmade gifts, and more!

Middlebury Rec Center, 154 Creek Rd, Middlebury.

All regular meetings are at 6:30 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) and meet at Middlebury American Legion unless otherwise noted.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

In the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances, the decision to cancel meetings or change to Zoom only will be made by the board, the meeting coordinator, and that meeting's guest presenter. All members will be notified via email by 4pm of the meeting day. Members without email will be notified by phone.

Breakfast at Rosie's

On the first Friday of each month (unless there's a holiday), guild members meet at **9:00 am** at Rosie's Restaurant, Rt. 7, Middlebury.

It's a great excuse to get out and enjoy good food and company. Current scheduled dates are:

2026:

September 11	November 6
October 2	December 4

2027:

January 8	May 7
February 5	June 4
March 5	July 9
April 2	August 6

Dates are subject to change, please watch email for updates.

Monthly Sit & Sew

9:30 am – 4:00 pm, at CVUUS unless otherwise noted.

Usually, members bring their current project, but these may include workshops or community service projects.

Date	Host
2026	
No sit & sew in September	
Tues., Oct. 13	Dorothy Mammen
Sat., Nov. 14	Nancy Cyr
Tues., Dec. 15	Sandy B0nomo
2027	
Sat., Jan. 16	Dorothy Mammen
Tues., Feb. 16	Sandy Bonomo
Sat., Mar. 20*	Dorothy Mammen
Tues., Apr. 13	Dorothy Mammen
Sat., May 22	Nancy C yr
Tues., June 8	Sandy Bonomo
Sat., July 17	Tbd
Tues., Aug. 17	Nancy Cyr

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** Community Service Sewing Day*