

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont



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## President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!!

I hope all of you were able to take time to enjoy Christmas with your family and friends. I sure did. After I finished my last tree skirt, I just sat back and enjoyed.

Our potluck meeting was great fun. Thank you Nanc for inviting Santa Claus. It was the first guild meeting I have ever attended with Santa dressed in a most impressive Santa outfit. You and your friend, Deb (AKA Mrs. Claus), are truly talented! Thank you Summer for all your hard work in planning the evening, not missing a single detail. Thank you Rose for donating and cutting all the triangle fabric for our "get to know each other" game. All of us learned a little more about our fellow members. And finally, thank you for sharing one of your favorite dishes with us. Everything I had was simply delicious.

What's next? Completing our quilt show projects by April 13<sup>th</sup> when we set up for the show. The winter is the best time to tackle quilt projects because the nice weather is not calling. Please plan to show a minimum of one quilt in the show, preferable two or three. The Turning Twenty Challenge is the first one. For your New Year's Resolutions, resolve to complete at least one more quilt – small or large – for the show. I'm a little behind this year, but I will complete at least two quits for the show. Now that it's in writing, it's a must.

Our next meeting is January 18<sup>th</sup> with a trunk show and mini demo with Anne Standish. The doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Stitching,  
- Ann Jacobs



Happy New Year



### President

Ann Goergen-Jacobs

### Vice President

Roseanne Terrill

### Secretary

Kay Benedict

### Treasurer

Deb Dusablon

### Programs

Summer Ladd

### Project Coordinators

Judy Hamilton

Carol Stanley

### Membership

Nancy Orcutt

### Quilt Show

Summer Ladd

Roberta Gilmour

### Charity Quilt Coordinators

Alyce Bushey: Home Health

Denise Chase: Laurie's House  
Family Center

Joanne Sweet: Breast Cancer

Jen Letourneau: Purple Heart

Roseanne Terrill: Quilts of Valor

### 2011 – 2012 Guild Calendar

September 21<sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Social

October 19<sup>th</sup> Wool Applique  
with Diane Forey

November 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas in  
November (Members' Demos)

December 21<sup>st</sup> Holiday Potluck  
(6 pm START)

### 2011 – 2012 Guild Calendar

January 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show &  
Mini-Demo with Anne Standish

February 15<sup>th</sup> Initial Quilt  
Show Prep

March 21<sup>st</sup> Final Quilt Show Prep

April 13<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Setup

### 2011 – 2012 Guild Calendar

April 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show

April 18<sup>th</sup> Scrap Swap

May 16<sup>th</sup> Shopping Spree &  
Demo with Yankee Pride

June 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck  
Teacup Auction  
with Scrap Swap Revealed

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of December 21, 2011

Present: Total attended 34, including one guest.

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Joanne Sweet; seconded by Rolande Fortin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Mary Ellen Therrien; seconded by Margaret Miller. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Quilt Show - We need quilts; so far, none have been submitted. We also need items for the Silent Auction, and for the Door Prize Basket and the Fat Quarter Basket. Next Quilt Show meeting on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (at the Charity Quilt Bee at NMC) at 11:00 am.

- Charity Quilts - There are kits available from Alyce Bushey and Denise Chase. Motion by Sharon Perry to approve \$100+ for fabric purchased by Alyce for more kits; seconded by Shirley Babcock. Motion carried.

- Charity Quilt Bees - Next one scheduled for Sunday, January 22 from 11 am to 5 pm in the hospital conference room. (Jan. 8, 15, and 29 for general sewing)

- Facebook Page - Christy Mulyca set it up with the name "Franklin County Quilters."

New Business

- Hurricane Irene Quilts - Alyce Bushey has more kits available, and will bring them to the next meeting and to the Charity Quilt Bee on Jan. 22.

- Charity Quilt 2013 - Gerda Thibault needs 3-inch strips in medium and dark colors.

Block of the Month

- January block - "Denise's Star" block - blue large star, any color center star, off white on off white background.

- Drawing - 14 December blocks made. Nancy Orcutt won the drawing.

Monthly Drawings

- Monthly door prize won by Jan Crane
- Charity quilt drawing won by Char Mulyca

Show and Tell: Two charity quilts and one Hurricane Irene quilt, followed by other quilts and projects, and a surprise visit by Father Christmas!

Program:

- Pot luck supper
- Each member shared one new thing learned about another member.
- Yankee Swap gift exchange
- Centerpiece drawing for each table

Next Meeting: January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Program will be a trunk show and mini-demo with Anne Standish.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

**MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT**

6:30 pm	Doors open Sign-up for raffle BOM block Sign-up for monthly drawing Sign in & pick up name tag
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

## **3-INCH WIDE STRIPS NEEDED FOR 2013 CHARITY QUILT**

Gerda Thibault is organizing the 2013 Charity Quilt; we'll be making the Maddie Bea quilt pattern.

Gerda needs guild members to bring 3-inch-wide fabric strips, mediums and darks, to the January guild meeting. Although strips across the width of fabric (WOF) would be ideal, Gerda will happily accept any length of strip...as long as it is 3 inches wide and is a medium or dark fabric.



## JANUARY 2012 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: DENISE'S STAR

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

**Color 1: Dark blue; Color 2: Block maker's choice;**  
**Color 3: Block maker's choice; Color 4: Off-white tone-on-tone**  
If you have any questions, call Carol Stanley, 849-2949.

**Click the link below for Denise's Star block pattern**

[http://www.quilterscache.com/V/VOS\\_DenisesStarBlock.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/V/VOS_DenisesStarBlock.html)

### 2011 -2012 MONTHLY WINNERS:

**September:** *BOM Raffle:* Carol Stanley  
*Door Prize:* Judy Hamilton  
*Charity Quilt:* Gail Darling

**October:** *BOM Raffle:* Carol Bessette  
Joanne Sweet  
*Door Prize:* Carol Bessette  
*Charity Quilt:* Marge Taylor

**November:** *BOM Raffle:* Summer Ladd  
Kris Bachand  
*Door Prize:* Mary Ellen Thierren  
*Charity Quilt:* Sally Krupp

**December:** *BOM Raffle:* Nancy Orcutt  
*Door Prize:* Jan Crane  
*Charity Quilt:* Char Mulyca

### 100 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2012 Quilt Show is only 100 days away, and the planning and preparations now quick into high gear. Although there is a committee overseeing the planning, we depend on all guild members to ensure the quilt show is a huge success. Continue reading to see how you can help.

**- We need QUILTS!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of this newsletter, we still do not have any quilts registered yet. Kay Benedict, Quilt Registration coordinator wants to have the quilts registered sooner rather than later. Kay has volunteered to take on a huge responsibility. So let's help her out and get some quilts registered at the January meeting. As such, the committee challenges each guild member to enter at least one quilt. But don't stop there; we need lots more quilts to fill up the gym at the City Hall. And don't forget the Turning Twenty Challenge. If you plan to enter the challenge, there will be a space on the registration form to include when you joined the guild. Click

the link at the bottom of this page for a registration form. Fill out a registration form and send it to Kay via email or bring it to the January meeting. We'll take a picture, if you need one, at the meeting.

**- We need volunteers!!!** Volunteering for a couple 2-hour shifts during the show is a quick and easy way to help make the quilt show a success. Bonnie Evans is in charge of getting volunteers for all the jobs. So talk to Bonnie and get your name on the volunteer list.

**- We need donations!!!** The Silent Auction needs more items for the **Silent Auction** table. Table runners/toppers, matching placemats and napkins, bags and totes, wall-hangings, quilt kits, and gift baskets have all been popular sellers in the past. If you have an item to donate, give them to Nadine Froebel or Sally Krupp at the guild meeting. We also need donations for the **door prize**. The door prize can be won by a non-quilter so items like candles, soaps, lotions, tea, coffee, etc., are always welcomed. If you have an item to donate, give them to Summer Ladd. Finally, we need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs we use as a prize for the raffle. If you have any fat quarters, please give them to Gwen Guyette.

**- We need your raffle tickets!!!** Dale McFeeters is the raffle ticket coordinator this year. She asks that each member return the raffle tickets and money for the tickets in an envelope with the member's name written on the outside. Dale wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets and money to the correct member and avoid making unnecessary telephone calls looking for unreturned tickets. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

**Click this link for the Quilt Show registration form:**

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.doc>

## QUILT SHOW MEETING ON JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

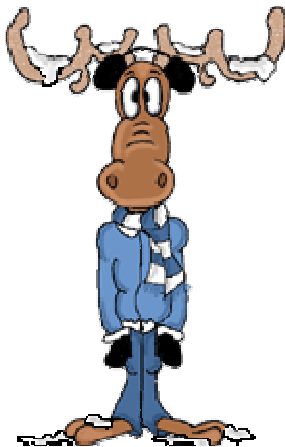
The next quilt show meeting will be on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m., at the NMC Conference Center. It is scheduled for the same day as the guild's charity quilting bee for January. You can go to the meeting, and then spend the rest of the day working on charity quilts with your fellow guild members.

## MONTHLY QUILTING BEE

There are four quilting bees scheduled for January, all on Sundays, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the NMC Conference Center. The bees will be on January 8<sup>th</sup>; January 15<sup>th</sup>; January 22<sup>nd</sup>; and January 29<sup>th</sup>. The quilting bee on January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be dedicated to working on charity quilts/UFOs. Come join us in a day full of fun spent with your fellow guild members. And if you come to the open sewing days, you can knock off a few of those UFOs on your list which Nancy Orcutt is keeping.

Again a big THANK YOU goes out to Alyce Bushey for taking on scheduling the bees!!!

# Brrrrr...!!!



# Let It Snow!

## GUILD LIBRARY

*A complete list of books and magazines currently in our collection may be found on the FCQG website.*

*The library is accepting books and gently used magazines (2005 or later) for its permanent collection. (Older magazines and VHS videos maybe better directed to the "For Sale Table" at monthly meetings.)*

*If you have an item borrowed from our collection, please return it at the next meeting. If you would like to borrow an item, email [kayben1@yahoo.com](mailto:kayben1@yahoo.com)*

## DID YOU KNOW???

January is National Blood Donor Month, Hot Tea Month, National Oatmeal Month, and National Soup Month.

January's flower is the Carnation or Snowdrop. The birthstone is the garnet, and its astrological signs are Capricorn, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 19<sup>th</sup> and Aquarius, January 20<sup>th</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Moon this month is called the Wolf Moon, Old Moon, Moon after Yule, and Storm Moon.

Some notable historical events:

- On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1908, the ball was first dropped at Times Square in New York City.
- On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1990, the Simpsons debut on television. Will TV ever be the same again!?
- On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1964, the Beatles release "Meet the Beatles," their first album in the U.S., sparking the "British Invasion."
- On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1924, the first Winter Olympic games begin in Chamonix, France.

## QUILT TIPS

- Need an inexpensive tool for finger pressing? You can find one at the grocery store. It's the portion of plastic that gets punched out from the handle when plastic milk jugs are formed. Sometimes they're still attached. Use one to press seams...it works great! If necessary, you can use an emery board to smooth rough edges on the plastic.
- Used sewing machine needles make great "nails" to hang picture frames on the wall. The needles are strong and only make a small hole.

### Support local, member-owned quilt shops:

Cowles Quilting, Highgate Plaza in St. Albans  
Fibre Junction, in downtown Rouses Point, NY  
Forever Bloom, Main Street in St. Albans

# ANNUAL FCQG 2011-2012 UFO CHALLENGE

- 1) Make a list of up to 8 UFOs (to be a UFO, it must be at least cut – new projects don’t count – hence the name UN-FINISHED OBJECTS)
- 2) Turn the list in to Nancy Orcutt (**THERE’S STILL TIME TO JOIN THE FUN!!!**)
- 3) Check in monthly with Nancy and either bring a finished object for Show & Tell, or bring a photo
- 4) The last month for check in is May
- 5) Prizes will be drawn in June

If there are questions, call Nancy at 524-4511 or email [NLORCUTT08@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NLORCUTT08@GMAIL.COM)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## UFO LIST

OCTOBER \_\_\_\_\_

NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DECEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

JANUARY \_\_\_\_\_

FEBRUARY \_\_\_\_\_

MARCH \_\_\_\_\_

APRIL \_\_\_\_\_

MAY \_\_\_\_\_

EDITOR’S NOTE: Nancy Orcutt has graciously volunteered to coordinate this year’s UFO challenge. If you want to participate, follow the rules listed above. Even though the rules say to turn your sheet in at the October meeting, Nancy will accept the form whenever you turn it in. This is a great motivator to get some of those UFOs “cluttering” your quilting area finished so you can go out and buy more fabric. Every guild member is “challenged” to list all your UFOs...let’s see how many UFOs the guild as a whole can complete by next May.

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**  
**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471

**JANUARY 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT**

## FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD

Treasurer's Report -- January 18, 2012

Opening Balance		\$2,896.22
Funds collected		
<i>Total</i>		\$0.00
	<i>Total</i>	\$2,896.22
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Jan rent		\$35.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jan		\$25.00
<i>Total</i>		\$60.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$2,836.22</b>

2011 YTD Collections: \$4836.77

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer  
01/18/12***“FOR SALE” TABLE STILL ON BREAK FOR JANUARY MEETING***

**This newsletter editor reported the “FOR SALE” Table would return for the January meeting. Due to a schedule conflict, the “FOR SALE” Table will not be open at the January meeting. I hope to have it open again at the February meeting. So if you have items to donate, please bring them to the February meeting.**

**MORE QUILT TIPS**

- In addition to the usual information, transfer or print a photo of yourself onto the quilt label as documentation. Think of how much fun it will be years later to see how you looked when you completed the quilt.
- Avoid using fabric softener in the washer or dryer when you prewash fabrics that you later intend to fuse. Fusible web will not adhere properly to fabrics treated with fabric softener.
- If you have accidentally fused an appliqué in the wrong place, use a fabric softener dryer sheet as a pressing cloth to loosen the web so you can remove the appliqué to reposition it.
- Audition potential quilting designs by drawing them on clear plastic. Lay the plastic on the quilt top to get a feel for how a quilting design will look.
- Before bidding farewell to that old dishwasher, rescue the utensil basket. Use it for storing scissors, rotary cutters, and pencils on your cutting or work table.

## RECIPE CORNER (For Nat'l Oatmeal Month)

### OATMEAL CRÈME BRÛLÉE

Great for Breakfast, dessert or snack!

- 2 ¼ cups old fashioned oats (dry)
- 1/3 cup Splenda
- ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
- 3 1/3 cup skim or 1% milk
- 2 eggs or equivalent amount of egg substitute
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- cinnamon (optional)
- 1 heaping tablespoon brown sugar (more or less to taste)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 8X11 dish with cooking spray. Combine milk, eggs and vanilla in large bowl. Add oats, Splenda, and salt; mix well. (Add cinnamon to taste, if you wish.) Pour into baking dish; spread oats if needed. Bake 40-45 minutes or until center is jiggly but not runny. Edges should be lightly browned and may pull away from dish slightly. Remove from oven. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over the top. Return to oven and bake until sugar is melted. Turn oven to broil and heat until sugar bubbles and browns slightly (about 1-2 minutes). Allow to cool slightly, cut into 8 servings.

### OATMEAL PUMPKIN BUNDT CAKE

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 12-cup

Bundt pan. Place 1 cup oatmeal in a small bowl. Pour ¼ cup boiling water over the oatmeal and stir together. Allow oatmeal and water to sit for 10 minutes. Add sugar and butter to a large mixing bowl. Beat on low until light and fluffy. Slowly add the eggs, one at a time, and continue mixing until well incorporated. Add the pumpkin, oatmeal/water mixture and vanilla, mixing on slow speed until well blended. While mixer is still going on slow, add the flour, one cup at a time. Next, add the pumpkin spice, baking soda and salt. Blend until well incorporated. Pour cake batter into prepared pan. Bake for 60 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clear. Allow to cool in pan for 10 minutes then invert onto a large cake plate. If desired, dust with powdered sugar.

### CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 2 cups butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups brown sugar, packed
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 5 cups oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 (24 oz.) bag chocolate chips
- 3 cups chopped walnuts

Cream butter, sugar, and brown sugar together. Add eggs and vanilla; blend thoroughly and set aside. Powder oatmeal in blender ½ cup at a time. Mix powdered oatmeal, flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda together. Add oatmeal mixture to sugar mixture and blend thoroughly. Add chips and chopped nuts, and mix together until well blended. Make golf-ball-size dough balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten a bit before baking at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Recipe can be cut in half for ease of mixing. Try it with white chocolate chips and macadamia nuts.



### AND MORE QUILT TIPS

- To make the perfect handle for a quilt bag, wrap a strip of fabric around non-roll elastic and topstitch it down both sides and in the center.
- When you have batting left from projects, measure the pieces and pin a note to each one indicating its size. Store the pieces in a bag from that type of batting so you know what each is. Then, when you need a piece for a project, you can easily see the sizes you have available.
- For a flat, durable batting substitute, use a flannel sheet. Many an antique quilt was made this way.
- Try using a skirt hanger to store your completed blocks. The clips can be moved to accommodate any size block. This keeps the blocks organized with no wrinkles.
- To keep a bobbin with its matching spool of thread, insert a cotton swab through the bobbin and into the top of the spool. Even if they tip over, the bobbin stays in place.
- Use a baby's soft toothbrush to brush away chalk markings on your quilt.
- Keep a set of small make-up brushes in your sewing machine tool kit. They are great for reaching into tiny grooves and behind the bobbin area to remove lint from your machine.
- If you're having difficulty seeing clear monofilament thread when threading your needle, run the end of the thread across a permanent marker. This will color only the end of the thread and make it easier to see to thread the needle. Just be sure to cut the colored end off before starting to sew.

