

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! I sure enjoyed Nancy Magnant's version of the Yankee Swap at the December meeting. Did you? And Jen Burt did a great job of reading Nancy's story that incorporated a number of guild members. Great job right! No it's left, right. It's right, definitely right. If you missed the meeting, you won't understand that last part. Thanks also for bringing a dish to share, they were delicious.

As I begin the New Year, I've been prioritizing my UFOs so I have quilts for the Quilt Show and to stay on task to complete my set number of UFO projects. I hope all of you are planning your Quilt Show projects and are participating in the UFO challenge to help meet your goals.

We have an action packed Spring ahead of us starting with the Quilt show, followed by our April workshops with Jenny Doan that Margaret Miller is finalizing. Please check out Jenny's YOUTUBE videos to help Margaret recommend a few workshops to Jenny. In May, we have a workshop with Sharon Shorey from Bennington, VT who will share her miniature quilt techniques.

Food for thought as 2013 begins: "Reflecting on what's important allows us to be guided by the compass of our heart", Tara Brach. Since I started quilting 12 years ago, quilters seem to live this quote in every thread of their lives. It's great to be a quilter.

Rose Terrill will be conducting the meeting on the 16th. Make sure you bring your first or worst quilt to add to this very entertaining evening. The doors open at 6:30pm.

Happy Stitching,

-Ann Jacobs

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Nancy Orcutt

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Nancy Orcutt

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Home Health Quilts: Alyce Bushey

Family Center Quilts: Denise Chase

Laurie's House Quilts: Denise Chase

Purple Heart Quilts: Jennifer Burt

Quilts of Valor: Roseanne Terrill

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

September 19th Ice Cream Social
& Silent Auction

October 17th Trunk Show
with Judith Brunn & Silent Auction

November 28th Presentation by
Mountain Fiber Folk

December 19th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap (6 pm start)

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

*January 16th First & Worst Quilts
with Guild Members*

February 20th Quilt Show Prep

March 20th Seeing Red...or Not
Redwork Demo (Kit provided)

April 5th Quilt Show Setup

April 6th & 7th Quilt Show

April 17th Trunk Show
with Jenny Doan

2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

April 18th – 20th Workshops
with Jenny Doan

May 17th Trunk Show
with Sharon Shorey

May 18th Workshop
with Sharon Shorey

June 19th Potluck
& Teacup Auction

Brrr..... It's Snow Time!!!



FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Minutes of December 19, 2012

Present: Total attended 43

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President (following a pot-luck supper)

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Nance Ekiert, seconded by Linda Nadeau

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Nancy Orcutt, seconded by Carol Bessette

Old Business

- Quilt Show
 - Let Bonnie Evans know what volunteer jobs you want.
 - Sign-ups for quilt appraisals will start soon.
- T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques)
 - Use wallpaper roller, instead of iron, for pressing seams when paper piecing. - Ann Jacobs
 - Beginning on January 1st and continuing throughout the year, fill a jar with notes about good things that happen; open and read them on December 31st. - Ann Jacobs
 - Table runner demo - Bonnie Evans. Handouts were distributed.

New Business

- April meeting guest speaker will be Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company, with weekend workshops to be scheduled.

- May meeting guest speaker will be Sharon Shorey from Bennington. Meeting date has been changed to Friday, May 17th, with a workshop on miniatures on Saturday, May 18th.

- Denise Chase has kits for charity quilts.

- On January 12th, we'll be making quilts for veterans from 10am – 5pm at the hospital. Bring your machine; kits will be provided. Let Bonnie know if you're planning to be there.

- The Yarn Shop in St. Albans at Kingman and Main has felted wool.

Mystery Quilt Part 4 was distributed.

Show and Tell

New Year's Baby Quilts were presented to Kate Laddison of Northwestern Medical Center.

Monthly Drawing: Door prize won by Jean Anne Branch

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 16th, 2013; doors open at 6:30 pm with meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Bring your first and/or worst quilts.

Program: Gift Exchange led by Jen Burt

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

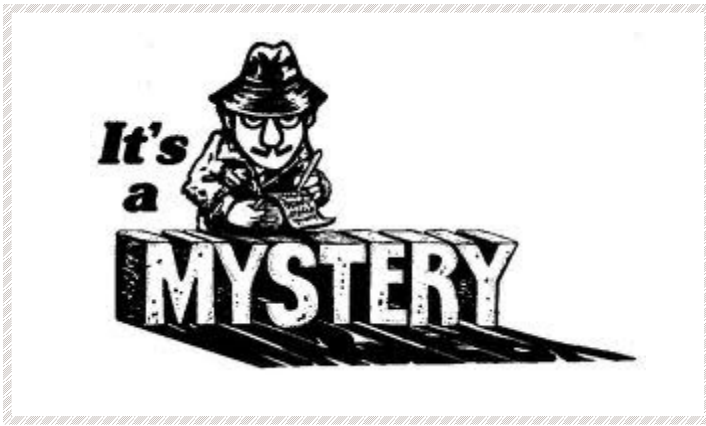
Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

A SPECIAL REQUEST

Some guild members are extremely sensitive to strong fragrance odors. We would ask that everyone be mindful of the amount of perfume or other fragrances you wear to the guild meetings. Our noses thank you!!!

JANUARY PROGRAM TO FEATURE MEMBERS' FIRST/WORST QUILTS

At the January meeting, members are invited to share their first or worst quilt. If you haven't kept your first or worst quilt, bring one which is closest to filling the bill of **FIRST OR WORST**. *Editor's Note: Mine's still in a box.*



MYSTERY QUILT REPLACES BLOCK OF THE MONTH THIS YEAR

Nancy Orcutt is this year's Project Coordinator. Instead of creating a Block of the Month (BOM) program for this membership year, Nancy will present a mystery quilt each month. The mystery quilt is called "Seven Easy Pieces" by Piece by Number. If you are in need of a copy of the instructions handed out at a previous guild meeting, please contact Nancy, 524-4511 or nlorcutt08@gmail.com.

MAY GUEST SPEAKER: SHARON SHOREY

Bennington quilter, Sharon Shorey, is coming to the guild in May for a lecture/trunk show and workshop. Sharon Shorey is an experienced Vermont quilt instructor with a reputation for being a good teacher. Her specialty is paper-pieced miniature quilts and her lecture/trunk show is titled, "Miniatures through the Years." Those taking the workshop will create four paper-pieced blocks that will make a sampler quilt. A mini trunk show is also included in the workshop.

A sign-up sheet for the workshop will be available at the January meeting. The fee for the workshop will be \$30; the workshop is limited to 15 people.

If you're interested, please plan to prepay the fee at sign up to hold your spot. Priority is given to members in good standing according to Article III, Section 4 of the Bylaws. A copy of the bylaws is at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqbbylaws.h>

[tml](#). In the event the workshop is filled, you are welcome to put your name on a waiting list. This is also true if you do not meet all of the criteria.

Please note **the date for the May meeting will be changed to Friday, May 17th**, and the workshop will be held Saturday, May 18th. Both the meeting and workshop will be held at the regular meeting room.

TIPS, TOOLS, OR TECHNIQUES (T³)

The Tips, Tools, or Techniques (T³) feature at each meeting continues to be a BIG hit! In December, Ann Jacobs shared two tips. First, use a wallpaper roller, instead of iron, for pressing seams when paper piecing. Second, beginning on January 1st and continuing throughout the year, fill a jar with notes about good things that happen; open and read them on December 31st. Bonnie Evans demonstrated a quick table runner made with 2 fabrics. Handouts were available. If you missed the meeting or didn't get a copy of the handout, check out this website for instructions:

<http://www.meganbarr.com/2010/02/super-easy-table-runner-my-first-tutorial/>

If you've learned a new technique, or purchased a new quilting tool, or have a great quilting tip, bring them to the guild meeting and share with your fellow members. Just let Ann Jacobs know before the meeting starts that you have a T³ item to share.

QUILT TIPS

- When you have little pieces of fabric on your work or cutting table, use a piece of batting to remove the pieces. It works great. Just swipe it over the surface, and the batting picks up all those pesky little pieces.
- If you have "mature" eyes, put a pillow or cushion in your lap when quilting or doing hand-work. It raises your project up far enough so you can see more clearly.
- To prevent tangled knots when hand sewing, hold your thumb over the point where the thread is being pulled through until the thread is taut.

JANUARY 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD Treasurer's Report -- January 16, 2013

Opening Balance		\$2,963.69
Funds collected		
Raffle tickets (YTD: \$441.00)	\$131.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$131.00	
	<i>Total</i>	\$3,094.69
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Jan rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jan	\$25.00	
Nancy Orcutt, Dec BOM copies	\$10.54	
Bonnie Evans, Staples copies	\$5.00	
<i>Total</i>	\$75.54	
Grand Total		\$3,019.15

2012 YTD Collections: \$5721.77

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
01/16/2013

QUILT TIPS

- Before you start cutting fabric for your blocks, look for pattern pieces that can be chain-pieced or strip-pieced together to save you time
- When you open a bag of batting and do not use all of it, turn the plastic bag it came in inside out before returning it to the bag. This way you can tell, at a glance, which bags are full and which are not.
- To make an inexpensive light table, use an old flat picture frame with the glass taped into the corners and along the sides. Hot-glue wide wooden dowels (4" - 6" long, depending on height of light) to the corners of the picture frame. Place rubber stoppers on dowels to keep from slipping. Purchase an under-the-counter kitchen light, slide it under the picture frame, and voilà, you have a light table.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, January 30th, 2013

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



QUILTING ONLINE: COMMUNITIES

Web-based quilting communities, with a host of interactive features, have become a global extension of the local quilt guild experience. Most offer free memberships and plenty of inspiration.

Join a discussion, ask a question, and share your expertise on the message boards. Enjoy “show and tell,” share photos, and showcase your creations in the galleries. Create an online journal, and follow the creative journeys of other quilters on the blogs. Learn new techniques and tips from video tutorials and classes. Create a quilt from start to finish through guided quilt-a-longs or block-of-the-month projects.

A few popular online quilting communities that include all the above features:

All People Quilt (APQ), hosted by American Patchwork & Quilting, features hundreds of free patterns, and its website (www.allpeoplequilt.com) includes a link to Pat Sloan’s weekly radio show.

Quilt with Us, hosted by Connecting Threads online quilt shop, offers a large collection of tutorials and, of course, special offers from the shop. (www.quiltwithus.connectingthreads.com)

The Quilt Show (TQS) has two membership tiers, one of which is free. “Star members” pay for full access to all the video classrooms. (www.thequiltshow.com)

My Quilt Place is sponsored by the American Quilter’s Society (AQS) and emphasizes forums and special interest groups. (www.myquiltplace.com)

Connect with others who share your passion, and tell us about it on the FCQG facebook page.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

6:30 pm*	Doors open Sign-up for monthly drawings** Pick up name tag**
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

*For select meetings, doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 6:00 pm (usually the September, December, and June meetings or as stated in the President’s Piece).

**Guild members are asked to sign up for the monthly drawings and pick up name tags BEFORE the business meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



**1ST ANNUAL
“VISIT YOUR LOCAL
QUILT SHOP” DAY
January 24th, 2013**

*A worldwide celebration
for independently-owned
quilt shops everywhere!*

On January 24th, 2013, quilters and fabric lovers around the country are encouraged to show their support for local, independent quilt shops on the inaugural “Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day.” The event is promoted by The Fabric Shop Network with industry support to raise awareness for the importance of these businesses in their local economy and in the creative pursuits of quilters, sewists, fabric enthusiasts, and crafters everywhere.

The Fabric Shop Network President Laurie Harsh launched the nationwide program at the International Quilt Market last October in Houston, Texas. She is asking consumers to mark their calendars and save the date for January 24, 2013. Harsh has developed many fabric shop hop campaigns over the last several years, but this is the first initiative designed to drive foot traffic into independent quilt retailers on a single day.

Sounds like a great excuse for a Road Trip!!! Pray for decent weather for VT local quilt shops!!!

ON THE WEB...WINTER PATTERNS

SNUGGLE SNOW MEN: <http://www.pieceandquilt.com/2009/12/snuggle-snowmen-tutorial.html>

CHEERFUL HOLIDAY WINDOW: <http://mariasfabriccreations.blogspot.com/2011/12/festival-of-small-projects-day-12.html>

SNOWFLAKE WRAP: <http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/EDocs/Site10/Snowflake%20Wrap%20pattern.pdf>

SNOW TABLE RUNNER: <http://justquiltin.wordpress.com/2008/11/28/snow-table-runner-pattern/>

SNOWMAN: <http://www.caroldoak.com/pdfs/FreePatternSnowman.pdf>

SNOWMAN (appliqué): <http://siterepository.s3.amazonaws.com/00975201106091054198135.pdf>

ELEGANT SNOWFLAKE (redwork embroidery): <http://www.needlenthread.com/2011/12/free-hand-embroidery-pattern-snowflake.html>

2014 RAFFLE QUILT:FABRIC NEEDED

Members are asked to donate squares of fabric for the 2014 Raffle Quilt. Fabric needed: 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, any color for the mediums/darks; 6 1/2-inch squares, two of the same fabric, creams/beiges for the lights. Bring your donations to the January meeting for Denise Chase.

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Don't forget to bring:
 - First and/or Worst Quilt
 - Check or cash (\$30) for Sharon Shorey Workshop
 - Quilt Registration forms for quilt show entries
 - Items for Show and Tell

