

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Piece

Happy New Year 2018! I missed seeing all of you at our December Holiday Pot Luck, but with the poor road conditions, it was good to know we weren't out traveling that evening. It's been a wonderful holiday season for my husband and me, with multiple family gatherings. Besides the traditional meals and gift exchanges, we also invited our extended families together for a fun night of bowling. This is the second year we've done this, and I'm hoping it will become a new annual tradition.

Since we have a guest speaker coming in for the January meeting, and we want to allow her as much time as possible, we won't be having a pot luck or gift exchange during the January meeting. If you are wondering what to do with your gift that you had ready for the December gift exchange, there have been several suggestions, such as donating the item to the June meeting Teacup Auction. We WILL be having the member food drive, with donations to go to a local food bank, so please bring in non-perishable food items and/or money to the January meeting. We'll decide at the meeting which food bank(s) will be receiving the donations.

Great news! St. Albans Community Arts will be hosting a Winter Blues Art Festival on January 21st in the St. Albans City Hall from 10 AM to 3 PM, with local artists, crafters, and musicians, and our guild has been invited to join them! We will have space to hang our raffle quilt and sell tickets. We can bring some of our charity quilts, information on the guild and our April Quilt Show. It is free, but if we sell anything, there is a \$10 charge. Bonnie Evans has volunteered to bring her sewing machine and will work on some block construction. If anyone would like to join her, please contact Bonnie. This will be great positive public exposure for us. Thanks for helping to organize this, Bonnie!

It's hard to believe that in less than three months we will be setting up for the annual Quilt Show! The volunteer list will soon be making the rounds; please find a volunteer position that suits you and your time availability. Kay Benedict is busy planning the quilt layout. We still have room for you to enter a quilt (or two or three). You can find the quilt registration at our guild website www.franklincountyquilters.org.

At our Friday, January 19th meeting, we will be hosting Anne Standish of Jericho, VT. I am looking forward to learning about Anne's landscape and art quilts. On Saturday, January 20th, Anne will lead her workshop titled, "From Photo to Wall Hanging". (This workshop is FULL.) Doors will open Friday night at 6 PM for set up, with a start time of 6:30 PM. We'll have an abbreviated business meeting before Anne's Trunk Show. Meanwhile, stay warm!

Regards,

Diane Kane, 2017-2018 President

2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

September 20th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 18th "Stitching Together
a Writer's Life"
with Sonja Hakala, Author/Quilter

November 15th French Rose Quilt
with Rose Rixon

December 13th Holiday Potluck, Gift
Exchange and Food Shelf Donations
(6:00 pm start!!!)

2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

January 19th Trunk Show
with Anne Standish

January 20th Workshop
with Anne Standish
"From Photo to Wall Hanging"

February 21st Trunk Show
with Sharon Perry

March 23rd Trunk Show
with Sarah Ann Smith,
"Sarah by the Sea"

2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

March 24th Workshop
with Sarah Ann Smith

April 6th Quilt Show Set-Up

April 7th & 8th Quilt Show

April 18th Trunk Show
with Kay Benedict

May 16th Members' Garage Sale

June 20th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of November 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Diane Kane, President. Members Present: 48; No guests.

Secretary's Report -- October meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Helen Short, second by Sharon Perry. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report from October 2017 meeting. Motion to accept report made by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, second by Nanc Ekiert. Discussion: Correction to the Secretary's Report was made to change the deposit amount from \$230.00 to \$240. Motion to accept report as amended was approved.

Committee Reports

Programs

- **December Meeting:** Our December 13 meeting is the planned Holiday Potluck with collection of donations for a local food shelf. Helen Short will bring a list of area food shelves for member to determine where donations will go this year. Kris Kilburn asked members to prepare for discussions at the December meeting on their topics of interest, i.e. landscape, bags, etc., for the March meeting trunk show and workshop by presenter Sarah Ann Smith. See her website for ideas: <http://www.sarahannsmith.com/schedule.php>
- **January Meeting:** Jean Anne Branch reminded members that Anne Standish will be the presenter at the January 19th meeting. Anne lives in Jericho and is known for her amazing landscape and art quilts. On Saturday, January 20, Anne will lead a workshop on preparing a small quilt from a photograph. The workshop will be limited to fifteen quilters and the cost is \$35. Each quilter can use a photo supplied by Anne or a personal photo of a landscape, flower, etc. A copy of the photo should be supplied to Anne before January 5 at annestandishvt@gmail.com

Membership News

- Updated membership list is available. Please review and provide Helen Short corrections.
- Helen Short will purchase lanyards to replace our current name tags, many are in damaged condition. Teri Brunelle has offered to print the name labels.

Fundraising: Bonnie Evans shared that fundraising has resulted in \$1,600 in sponsor donations for the campaign to help pay quilt show expenses. Bonnie will solicit additional local business in the coming days. The fundraising will end December 31, 2017 and all who have donated will be recognized at the time of the quilt show. Reminder, donation levels are at Gold -- \$200, Silver -- \$100, and \$50 -- Bronze.

2017 Raffle Quilt: Penny LaRochelle has 500 books of ticket available for the raffle quilt drawing. Penny shared that there will be a prize (or two) for those who sell the most tickets. The raffle quilt in teals and blues,

sewed by Denise Chase and quilted by Babette Coons, was displayed at the meeting.

2018 Raffle Quilt: Carol Stanley shared the 2018 raffle quilt design, Narraganset Blues, a Bonnie Hunter designed pattern. For the next meeting, Carol asked members bring in 4 patches of 2 ½ squares (finished at 3 ½" square) in colors other than blue. In addition, she asked members bring in medium to dark blues in 3 ½" x 6 ½" rectangles (or 3 ½" by WOF). Sharon Perry has volunteered to complete the quilting.

Quilt Show

- Six quilt show entries have been turned in. Reminder, each quilt entry received by Kay Benedict before December 13 will provide the member an additional chance to win the basket of prizes. The drawing for the basket will be held at the December 13 meeting. As soon as you can, please provide Kay your quilt entries, giving her the time to design the display.
- Motion to allow a member to have quilt show publicity printed in the amount up to \$125. Motion made by Bonnie Evans, second by Sharon Perry; motion passed.
- Kris Kilburn asked members to consider bringing fat quarters to the December meeting for addition to the Quilt Show Fat Quarter Basket.

Projects

- Helen Short presented the next Block of the Month, "On the Oregon Trail" available at Quilter's Cache, <http://www.quilterscache.com/O/OntheOregonTrailBlock.html>. Helen recommends 2 ½ yards of background fabric and 5-6 fat quarters to complete the entire quilt. October block was "Red Cross Block" and September was Mini Bow Tie blocks, patterns also available at www.quilterscache.com. Members displayed their completed Red Cross Blocks at the meeting.
- Bonnie Evans offered members the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for 3 prizes, a beautiful quilt she made or 2 gas cards, to benefit the Northwestern Medical Center Auxiliary. Members present who purchased tickets were also entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the meeting.

Charity Quilts: Charity quilts kits were brought to the meeting by Alice Bushey for Franklin County Home Health, Denise Chase for Laurie's House, and Adrienne Perrino for duffle bags for Bags of Love.

Other Business

- Diane Kane updated members about a request for quilts from organizers of Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a summer camp for children 7 to 17 years old who have or have had cancer. Cindy Metayer indicated she would contact the organization to find how many quilts they may need.
- **Follow-up:** The camp hosts roughly 70 campers each summer. Each camper receives a new quilt on their bed which they also bring home. If possible, the

organization would appreciate 5 to 20 from the guild. It is recommended each quilt be twin size or smaller. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta would like a commitment of the number of quilts to be donated by the first of May and delivery to the organization by July.

- Sad news was reported that Ann Jacobs, former four-year FCQG president, had passed away. Motion was made by Margaret Miller, second by Christy Mulyca, to recognize Ann by contributing to the charity of her or her family's choice in the amount of \$100. Motion passed. If her family is willing, the guild would also like to honor Ann by displaying one of her quilts at the upcoming FCQG quilt show.

Monthly Drawings:

- Block of the Month: Mary Ellen Therrien
- Door Prize: Sally Krupp
- Charity Quilt Prize: Helen Short

Motion to adjourn by Dale McFeeters, second by Helen Short; motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Metayer, Secretary



January	???	Alyce	Bushey
January	1	Cathy	Choniere
January	7	Lucie	Fortin
January	14	Gwen	Guyette
January	20	Adrienne	Perrino
January	24	Carol	Stanley
January	25	Alice	Rouleau

...and many more!!!

JANUARY MEETING FEATURES VERMONT ART QUILTER

Anne Standish, an art quilter from Jericho, will be the guest speaker at the January meeting with a trunk show. Anne will also be

teaching her methods and techniques at a workshop on Saturday, January 20th. Please note the **guild meeting will be on FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH**, to accommodate the Saturday workshop which is FULL.

"Anne's roots are in sewing and quilting, and art quilts are her avocation.... Anne's inspiration comes from her surroundings, which are the landscapes she sees every day around her home in Cambridge, Vermont. Most of her latest work is inspired by her own or others' photographs.... Anne is an award winning artist, achieving recognition at local, regional and national quilt shows.... Her work is part of the permanent collection in the chapel at Northwestern Medical Center, in St. Albans, Vermont. Anne retired after 34 years as a nurse practitioner in family practice. When she is not in her studio or teaching workshops, she is outdoors, moving under her own power." Excerpt from www.annestandish.com

SIGN-UP BEGINS FOR MARCH WORKSHOPS WITH SARAH ANN SMITH

Sign-up for the March workshops with Sarah Ann Smith begins at the January meeting. The workshops are: Saturday, March 24 - "Birch Pond Season"; and Sunday, March 25 - "Collage the Garden: From photo to flower".

Members may visit Sarah's website at www.sarahannsmith.com to read about the workshops and to access the supply lists. Cost of each workshop is \$40 and members should be prepared to pay when they sign up in order to hold their spot.



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- January 19, 2018**

Opening Balance	\$3,508.38
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Funds collected

Bronze Sponsorship; Eloquent Page	\$50.00
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<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$50.00
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<i>Sub-total</i>	\$3,558.38
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Funds paid out

Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Jan	\$35.00
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Bonnie Evans, Gift bags, misc	\$61.00
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St Albans Art Festival	\$10.00
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$106.00
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Grand Total	\$3,452.38
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2018 YTD Collections: \$7567.25

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

GUILD WEBSITE HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. The barn quilt trail can be found here:

<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>



Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, January 31st, 2018

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



QUILT SHOW NEWS



86 DAYS AND COUNTING



The 2018 Quilt Show, the guild's 20th show, is less than 3 months away, and planning continues behind the scenes. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need quilts!!!** It's all about the quilts!!! As of the November guild meeting, we had 27 quilts registered, and we need more to fill City Hall. Although the deadline to register your quilt is March 1st, please turn in your entry forms and photos as soon as possible so Kay Benedict has plenty of time to enter your information, plan a pleasing layout for everyone's quilts, and print all the cards and other information needed. You can find the registration form at this link, <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcqqregistration.pdf>, or on our facebook page.

- **We need strong, young women or men!!!** We need people to help with the pick-up and unloading (on Friday) and loading and return (on Sunday) of the quilt poles. We'll take husbands, daughters/sons, grand-daughters/grand-sons or sisters/brothers to help move the poles. This is a great way for high schoolers to earn some community service hours!

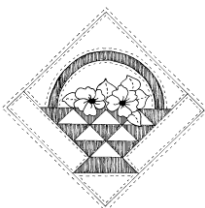
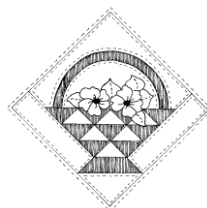
- **We need volunteers!** Bonnie Evans will have the volunteer sign-up sheet at the January meeting. As an added incentive, Anyone who signs up gets their name in a nice drawing for each job, i.e. 2 jobs/slots, 2 chances. *The success of the guild's quilt show truly depends on the help of many volunteers. There are plenty of jobs available, so please be sure to sign up for a job (or jobs) which fit your schedule and physical abilities.*

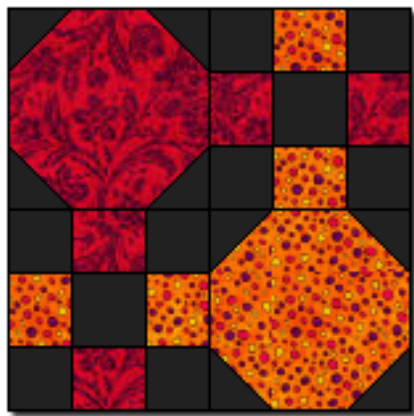
- **We need donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** needs items for the Auction table. Table runners/toppers, matching placemats and napkins, bags and totes, wall-hangings, gift baskets, and quilt kits have all been popular sellers in the past. If you have an item to donate, bring it to a meeting and give it to Sally Krupp. We also need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs and **non-perishable brunch food** for the food basket as the 2nd and 3rd prizes for the raffle. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc. And if you'd like to help out, we need someone to collect and organize the door prize and make it look pretty to display on the admissions table...might that someone be you???

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Penny LaRochelle still has tickets available for those members who have not yet picked up their tickets. She also 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. Penny wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

- **Don't forget to complete and enter your Challenge Quilts!!!** Kay Benedict has issued a challenge to all guild members to complete a Black & White quilt plus one other color. The additional color is your choice. The quilt can be any design and use any techniques. The only restriction is the quilt cannot exceed 120" in its perimeter measurement. There's still plenty of time to make something for the challenge.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. The appraisals Sandra completes are useful if a quilt is ever damaged or lost. Without an appraisal, insurance companies will only pay to replace the materials used to make the quilt. If a quilt is appraised, the insurance company must work with the appraised value for an insurance settlement.





JANUARY 2018 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: SNOWBALL NINE PATCH

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Use your fabrics for the block(s) you will make and keep
If you have any questions, call Helen Short, 752-8019.

Click the link below for the Red Cross Block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SnowballNinePatchBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 3 for the supplies at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SnowballNinePatchBlock_Page3.html



FOOD DRIVE MOVED TO JANUARY

Since the December meeting was cancelled, we're moving the guild's food drive to the January meeting. Members are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the local food shelf and/or donations for the "Bags of Love" project. You can also contribute monetary donations to the drive. Donations for this drive will be going to the Enosburg food shelf.

QUILT TIPS

- Use plain water only when washing out water soluble marker pens from your fabric, and hand wash well, as detergents and ironing may set the ink permanently.
- Use different widths of masking tape to guide you in an easy way to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.
- Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.
- Always bring the bobbin thread to the top of the quilt before beginning to sew so you can avoid any tangling on the back.
- If possible, lay your batting out flat somewhere for a couple of days to allow it to relax before you quilt it, so you don't get caught with wrinkles or creases.
- Everyone has UFOs (Unfinished Projects). Make the effort to go through them and decide what you do actually want to finish, then you can cull the rest and either give them to friends or charity, or sell them.
- Make your quilt rod / hanging sleeve from a patchwork of all the fabric used in your quilt. Then, if you need to repair anything on the quilt top later, you will have a selection of the right fabrics to use.

MANAGING WORKS IN PROGRESS

(From the AQS Blog, <http://www.aqsblog.com/onpoint-blog>)

Working on multiple quilting projects? Try these tips to keep things in order and moving forward.

Count them one by one...

- Take a look around your creative space and make a list of all the projects that are in the works.
- A second list may be needed for projects with purchased fabrics, but haven't been started.
- Prioritize the In the Works list.

Make a schedule...

- Grab a calendar and beginning with the highest priority project, schedule the project.
- Try to be realistic with the time needed to complete the project.
- Very Important: Assign a due date. Make it a Red Letter Day on the calendar.
- Continue scheduling the remaining projects in order of priority.

Sprinkle work days with creative energizers...

- Stick to the schedule, but remember the joy!
- From time to time, take a few minutes to rejuvenate your creative spirit.
- Take breaks and be sure to do something different for the break like take a walk.
- Invite a friend over to visit with you while you work. They might even iron for you!!!
- Take your sewing machine to a new location.
- When your favorite song comes on, stop and DANCE!

Organize projects by stages...

- Break projects into stages and plan out each stage.
- Overlap projects so they are at varying stages.
- Create a guide for each project.

To help out, we created this handy guide for managing a project. [Download the guide here.](#)

Don't forget to bring to the January meeting:

- \$40 cash, or check payable to FCQG, for March workshops
- Food shelf and/or "Bags of Love" donations
- Fat quarter, Teacup Auction, food basket & door prize donations
- Completed quilt entry form(s) with photo(s) for quilt show
- Items for Show & Tell (to include BOM) and UFO Challenge