

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Dear Quilt Guild Members,

What an enjoyable time we had at our last meeting. Was it the food? The spirit of the Holidays? The friendship of sharing around the table? Perhaps it was a combination of all three but it made for a pleasant time for all, despite the iffy weather and driving conditions.

I had a chance to visit the town hall when the decoration for the Festival of Trees was going on. Helen Short, Natalie and Wally Good were hard at work on the Guild's tree. Wally made use of more than fifty years of light-stringing experience to get the tree set up, and Helen and Natalie conjured up a very nice tree. The tree quilt that Helen brought tripled the overall value of the tree.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in January, 2020 as we begin a new decade of quilting together, and January's program – *Project Linus* – seems a fitting way to do so.

Sincerely yours,

John Rouleau
2019 - 2020 President



2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start! Doors open at 5:30 pm)

October 18th Beyond Fabulous: Rotary
Cut Appliqué with Sue Pelland

October 19th Hearts and More
Workshop with Sue Pelland

November 20th Intro to Art Quilts:
Art Possibilities with
Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert

November 23rd Ornament Workshop

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

December 18th Holiday Potluck Party
(6:00 pm start!!!)

January 15th Project Linus
with Joyce Irvine

February 19th Cathedral Windows
with Denise Chase

March 18th TBD

April 3rd Quilt Show Set-Up

April 4th – 5th Quilt Show

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

April 17th Quilt Restoration
with Stephanie McCall

April 18th Quilt Consultations
with Stephanie McCall

May 20th Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

May 23rd Workshop
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

June 17th Potluck & Teacup Auction
(6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of December 18, 2019

Thirty three out of sixty six members were present. The meeting commenced with a Potluck meal.

The Consent Agenda passed on a voice vote. Motion was made by Denise Chase and seconded by Linda Nadeau.

2020 Quilt Show-Nancy LaPointe announced that the show is 'on course' Kay Benedict announced that the deadline for registering quilts is March 1. To date there are 19 quilts registered. Fat Quarters are collected for one of the raffle prizes.

Comfort Quilts-Home Health would like 'Fidget Quilts' for their dementia patients. Fidget quilts feature large buttons tightly secured with button holes, zippers with large pulls, items of different textures sewn on, or other safe items that people can sit and fidget with to help calm them. Quilts were given to the St. Albans family that lost their home and plans are under way to give quilts to the couple who lost their children in a fire in Grand Isle. There is a need for more twin sized quilts.

Projects: There were 8 BOMs turned in and Natalie Good won them. If you were unable to attend December's meeting (the weather wasn't great for night time driving) and made a BOM, you may give them to Natalie. The BOM for January is the Christmas Star. Directions for the 12-inch finished block can be found on Quilters Cache. The background is white; green and red are the other two colors and it doesn't matter which you use for color 1 and 2.

Program- The program was the Christmas gift exchange followed by Show and Tell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Short, Secretary



*Winter is for...
Ice Fishing!*



January	2	Alyce	Bushey
January	4	Ali	Boren
January	14	Gwen	Guyette
January	14	Deb	Trahan
January	15	Beth	Mouser
January	20	Adrienne	Perrino
January	24	Carol	Stanley

...and many more!!!

Excerpt on **At Home Quilt Care** from the International Quilt Museum, University of Nebraska Lincoln:

"Quilts and other textile heirlooms and keepsakes are fragile pieces of history that link generations, inspiring and educating us about our shared past. Because textiles are subject to deterioration from environmental conditions, they require special care. There is little we can do to make them last forever, but taking simple preventive measures such as controlling the home environment (temperature, humidity, pests, and light) is the most important way to ensure that family quilts and other heirloom textiles last for generations.

Dim the Lights: All light fades and weakens textiles. Sunlight and fluorescent light are especially damaging because they emit high levels of ultraviolet radiation. Damage caused by light is cumulative and irreversible. Therefore, store textiles in darkness and dim the lights in areas where quilts and textile keepsakes are displayed. Keep the shades drawn on windows, reduce the number of lights and/or reduce the wattage of light bulbs, and turn off any artificial lights when not in a room.

Doing Your Part: Store quilts and family keepsakes in areas of the home where the environment is most stable. Avoid attics, basements, kitchens, laundry rooms and unheated spaces. Store textile items flat if possible, such as on a spare bed that is rarely used. If items must be folded, use acid-free tissue or muslin to cushion folds. Refold periodically to minimize the chance of permanent creases and fold lines."





Join in the fun and make 20 quilted projects by the end of 2020 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 20 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 20 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **20 Finishes in 2020** AND you must show each project during one of the guild's monthly show and tell...a picture will NOT suffice! You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have **20 Finishes in 2020!** Kris Bachand will collect the lists and check off each project when it is revealed at show and tell.

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Snowmen make me smile!

JANUARY PROGRAM

Our program on Wednesday, January 15th, will be Joyce Irvine from the Vermont Chapter of Project Linus. Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides handmade quilts and knitted blankets to traumatized or seriously ill children. Come and hear Joyce's story and see how her mission may dovetail with ours.

JANUARY 2020 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: CHRISTMAS STAR



Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

If you have any questions,
call Helen Bicknell, 285-6741, or
Lucie Fortin, 782-8260.

Click the link below for the
Christmas Star pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/C/ChristmasStarBlock.html>

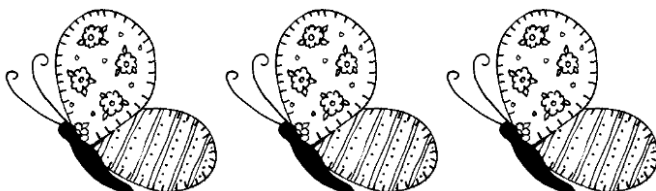
Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/C/ChristmasStarBlock_Page2.html



2020 Charity Quilt

(Organized by JeanAnne
Branch and Carol Stanley in
grays and scrappy squares)



QUILT TIPS

- Use page protectors and zipper pouches to store information about your quilts. Put a page about the quilt and the quilter in the page protector. Use the zipper pouch for photos of the quilt and pieces of the fabrics used. Store pages in a three-ring binder. If you want to show someone your project, don't take the whole book—just take the pages you need.
- When you take swatches of fabric to the quilt shop, put them in a baseball card holder. Any divided protective sheet will work, but the baseball card holders are stronger than others. They keep the swatches flat, and you can put a note in the pocket showing what you need to purchase. The sheet folds up easily to fit in your purse or tote.
- When using spray starch to stiffen fabric, spray the fabric, place it in a plastic bag, and let it sit for ten minutes to absorb the starch. When pressing, turn the iron temperature down a little to keep from scorching the fabric.
- At the home improvement store, buy a door security lens to use as a "reducing lens". Pin your patchwork to your design wall, step back, and view through the lens. The lens distances you from your work wrench, giving you a better idea of contrast and composition.
- Hot glue a flat refrigerator magnet, printed side down, to the inside of an empty candy mint tin. It makes a handy portable needle case for on-the-go projects!
- Put a small piece of self-adhesive hook-and-loop tape on your seam ripper and opposite piece on your sewing machine. Your seam ripper is always close at hand and easy to find!
- Chocolate is a quilting notion!



2020 Raffle Quilt

(Organized by Denise
Chase and Sharon Perry)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- January 15, 2020**

Opening Balance	\$8,017.50
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Funds collected

Quilt Show Sponsorships	\$700.00
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<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$700.00
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<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,717.50
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Funds paid out

Gerald Perry, Dec room set-up	\$35.00
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Beverly Cook, 2020 Raffle Quilt quilting	\$185.44
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$220.44
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Grand Total	\$8,497.06
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<i>Comfort Quilt/</i>	<i>(\$158.09)</i>
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<i>Supplies Donations</i>	
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<i>Guild Funds Available</i>	<u>\$8,338.97</u>
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2019 YTD Collections: \$8,642.81

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

MORE QUILT TIPS

- Do not prewash your fabric when piecing miniature quilts; the sizing in the fabric helps make it easier to piece.
- To piece together two curved patches (like a Drunkards Path block), it is easier to sew with the convex (outer) curved patch on the top.
- Using spray starch on the backing of your quilt is a popular trick to help the quilt move more easily through your machine when quilting using a domestic or sit-down machine.
- Select a busy print for the backing if you want your quilting stitches to be less visible on the back side.

LINK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail, previously found on the FCQG website, can now be accessed at <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, January 29th, 2020

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



QUILT SHOW: 86 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2020 Quilt Show is less than 3 months away, and the planning and preparations continue behind the scenes. As the event draws near, 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 the December meeting, we only had 19 quilts registered, and we need many more to fill City Hall. Kay Benedict has once again volunteered as the Quilt Registration coordinator and she wants to have the quilts registered sooner rather than later. So let's help Kay out and get ALL the quilts registered well before the March 1st deadline. The quilt show chairs, along with Kay, challenge each guild member to enter at least one quilt in the show. But don't stop there; we need lots more quilts to fill up the auditorium at the City Hall. **As a reminder, all quilts, including those in the Small/Miniature category, must have a sleeve sewn (not pinned) to the back. The sleeve must be at least 4" wide.**

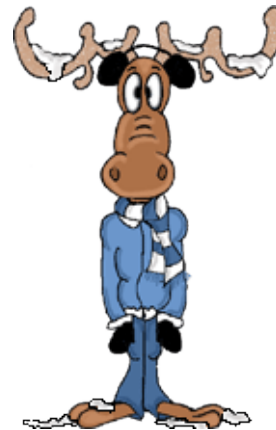
- We need volunteers!!! Bonnie Evans will soon begin asking for volunteers to fill the various positions at the quilt show. There are lots of jobs from which to choose. Be sure to bring your calendar to the guild meeting and sign up for a time that fits your schedule.

- We need donations!!! The Teacup Auction needs more items for the Teacup 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, bring it to the guild meeting. We also need **fat quarters** for the basket of FQs we use as a prize for the raffle. If you have any fat quarters, please bring them to the meeting too.

- We need your raffle tickets!!! Penny LaRochelle is the raffle ticket coordinator again 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. Penny wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets and money to the correct member and avoid spending time tracking down 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.

Brr...



Winter is here!

HOW TO MAKE AND ATTACH A QUILT SLEEVE

The following links provide visual references for the proper construction of a quilt sleeve and how to attach it properly to the back of your quilt. If you've never made a quilt sleeve, check out these to see how.

http://quilting.about.com/od/decoratingwithquilts/ss/quilt_sleeve.htm

<http://www.scvqaquiltshow.org/quilt/docs/quiltSleeve.pdf>

<http://www.empirequilters.net/pdf/sleeve01.pdf>

http://www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com/quilt_sleeve_instructions.pdf

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Completed quilt entry forms (with photos) for quilt show**
2. **Fat Quarter and Teacup Auction donations for quilt show**
3. Completed Charity Quilts
4. Items for Show and Tell