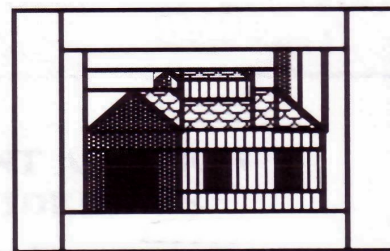


Franklin County Quilter's Guild

NEWSLETTER

St. Albans, Vermont



WINTER 2009

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President's Message

2009 – A new year and lots of new projects. How many of you made a New Year's Resolution to complete some of those UFO's? I know I sure did, but we'll see how many actually get completed! With the snow we recently got, it provides a great opportunity to stay in and lose ourselves in out quilting and dreaming of warm weather.

We've had a lot of good meetings this year and more to come for the remainder of the year. The Show and Tells have been awesome. Lots of charity quilts have been made. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped in this effort – whether it's been cutting, stitching, or quilting. Our quilts have warmed many hearts this year and will continue to do so.

Our annual quilt show is coming up fast. We NEED quilts. See the enclosed articles for more information on the show. Remember: If we each put in only one quilt, we'll fill the room. Imagine if we did more. A big thanks go out to everyone who is helping to plan the show, everyone who will be volunteering, and a big thank you to Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans for co-chairing the event. Last year's show was great and I anticipate that this year's will be even better...

Sally McIntyre has been busy getting some our programs in place for this year. She has some interesting people lined up for the next few months. Thanks, Sally.

Alyce Bushey, Elaine Magnan, and Mary Ellen Therrien have been doing a great job of coming up with a block of the month quilt that will enable everyone to try different techniques. Providing focus fabrics has been a nice touch and has been well received. I'm anxious to see all the completed quilts.

See you soon.....

MEETING DATES:

Our meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Church of the Rock. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts promptly at 7:00.

The remainder of this year's meeting are confirmed as:

February 18, 2009

March 18, 2009

April 15, 2009

May 20, 2009

June 17, 2009

Of course, the above dates are subject to change if needed.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

February – Froncie Quinn – Story of Florence Peto

March – Beth Helfter -- Eva Paige Designs - Program Perfection is Overrated

April— Threadscapes - Pam Druehens (Workshop if members are interested. May need to change day of meeting if workshop is held)

May – To Be Announced

June -- Potluck Social

CHARITY QUILTS

Charity Quilt Committee

Our Quilt Show this Spring will once again feature a display of our charity quilts – Breast Cancer, Ronald McDonald, Family Center, Purple Heart and Home Health. This display is a wonderful way to let the quilt show participants know about our community service contributions. We need quilts and quilt racks for the display. All Charity Quilt Chairs please set aside some quilts for the show and bring them to the meetings in February and March along with any available quilt racks. Joanne Sweet, Sandi Maynard, Rose Terrill, Janet McCarthy and I will be available to accept the quilts at each of the meetings. Thank you so much for your help. Ann Jacobs

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS-UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who has been donating to our monthly food shelf drive. Every little bit that we collect helps so many people. So let's continue bringing in items/money each month and help others in need.

PAINT CHIP CHALLENGE—UPDATE

Our paint chip challenge is fast coming to its deadline, which is the March meeting. Bring your completed quilt to the March meeting, as the members will be voting on the winner during the meeting. Reminder of how it works: Using the three initials of your name, go to your favorite hardware store and select three paint chips for which the name begins with one of the initials of your name. If you have only two initials, the third one is your choice. You can add up to three additional colors for a total of six colors. You can use any quilt pattern you choose. Completed quilt must measure at least 45 inches square. Only other rule: HAVE FUN!! Paint chips are available at any hardware store – ACE, Aubuchon, Sherman Williams, Newton's Decorating, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Sticks & Stuff, etc.... Have fun and let's see how many folks are up for the challenge!

STAPLES REWARD PROGRAM

Just a little reminder: When you purchase something at Staples, if you let them know to add it to the Guild's Reward Program account, your purchase will be credited to the Guild. Staples does really well by us for coupons. We get our printing done there, and it is a big savings for the Guild. Any purchases, especially larger ones, really give us some bucks. On an average, we save over \$300 per year. Thanks in advance...

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

6:30 P.M. Doors Open
 Sign up for raffle BOM blocks if you made one
 Sign up for monthly door prize drawing
 Sign up for monthly Food Bank drawing if you donated this month
 Pick up you name tag

7:00 P.M. Business Meeting
 Show and Tell
 Short break as appropriate
 Program for the evening



11th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW SET FOR THE 1st WEEKEND IN APRIL

Can you believe it's already February? Spring is just around the corner. And with the start of Spring comes the guild's annual quilt show. This year the quilt show will be held on Saturday, April 4th, and Sunday, April 5th. We'll be setting up at Saint Albans City Hall on Friday, April 3rd.

WE NEED QUILTS! Shireen Melton is in charge of quilt registration and has included an article in this newsletter about displaying your quilts. We need over 100 entries to fill the gymnasium.

WE NEED ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION! Nancy Orcutt and Diane Forey are once again in charge of the silent auction, and they too have written an article about items for the silent auction. Each year, the silent auction raises about \$800 - \$900 to support our guild activities.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! In order to make the quilt show a success, we need help from all guild members. As they say, "Many hands make light work." Bonnie Evans is the volunteer coordinator. Please call her at 868-7168 or email her at evansmb@comcast.net to volunteer for one or two of the many quilt show jobs.

WE NEED ITEMS FOR THE DOOR PRIZE BASKET! Every year we have a door prize drawing for a basket full of goodies for the folks who come out to view our quilts. Many attendees are not quilters, so the donated items can be most anything from maple syrup to candles to lotions to lottery tickets. If you have something you'd like to donate, please bring it to the February or March meeting. Sally McIntyre will be collecting the door prize donations.

WE NEED THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD! Hopefully everyone has been busy selling at least two packets of raffle tickets. As an incentive to sell a few more tickets, any guild member who sells at least 5 packets will be entered into a special drawing for a wall-hanging made from the same pattern and fabrics as the raffle quilt. Be sure to turn your tickets in at the February or March meeting to Gail Darling.

And finally, **WE NEED FAT QUARTERS!** As one of the prizes for the quilt raffle, we collect fat quarters from the guild members to make a large "Basket of Fat Quarters." If you have a few fat quarters of good quality, 100% cotton fabric to donate, please bring them to the February or March meeting. Sharon Perry will be collecting the donated fat quarters.

If you have any other questions or suggestions about the quilt show, please feel to call Sharon Perry, 326-3135, or Bonnie Evans, 868-7168.



FCQG SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is a big fund raiser for the guild. Last year we had 29 items that brought in just shy of \$950.00. This year we have collected 9 items so far and we need a lot more. The kind of items we are looking for are wall hangings, table runners, quilted bags, and pillows. A couple years ago, one of our members put together a quilt kit and last year we had a decorative box filled with Christmas fat quarters. They both brought high bids. Holiday theme items do very well also. We are limited on space so we would prefer not to have anything large to display. If you think of something different that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction and you are not sure if it is appropriate, just give Nancy or me a call. We will be accepting your Silent Auction items at the February and March meeting.

We need your help to make the Silent Auction a big success again this year. Please email or call us if you have any questions.

Happy Quilting,
Nancy Orcutt and Diane Forey
Silent Auction Coordinators

RAFFLE QUILT FOR 2010

Please help---We need from each member the following items to complete our 2010 raffle quilt:

LIGHT CREAMS:

One 8 " square

One 4 ½ or 5 " square

CREAMS AND TANS:

At least eight 4 ½ or 5" squares

LIGHT GREENS:

At least six 4 ½ or 5 " squares

One 10 ½ " square

Please bring to our February and March meeting and give to Sharon Perry. Thank you in advance..



FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

11th Annual Quilt Show

St. Albans City Hall

April 4th & 5th, 2009

The Franklin County Quilters Guild is holding its 11th Annual Quilt Show, April 4th & 5th, 2009, at the City Hall in St. Albans, Vermont.

Registration deadline is Monday, March 9th, 2009. Please complete the enclosed form, which should be signed, dated and returned to the Quilt Registration Chair as indicated on the registration form. Please submit a photograph of each of your quilts with your entry forms. (This is for planning purposes and can be of the finished quilt, just the top, or even a layout of the top before completion.) Upon registration, you will be provided with a registration number for each quilt to help with drop off.

Bring your pre-registered quilts to the St. Albans City Hall on Friday, April 3rd, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please bring each quilt in a clear plastic bag and bring your quilt registration number(s) with you when you come to drop off your quilts. Your quilts will be available to pick up at the St. Albans City Hall between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 5th and should be collected no later than 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your participation in the Quilt Show.

Shireen Melton, Quilt Show Registration & Layout

Additional Information:

- ✓ *This is not a juried show. Anyone who is a member of the guild can enter and display a quilt which they participated in making.*
- ✓ *A "Crib or Lap Quilt" is smaller than twin size, and is intended for functional use. A "Bed Quilt" can be between twin size and king size and is intended for functional use. A "Wall Quilt" may be of any size, but is not intended for functional use on a bed. A "Miniature Quilt" utilizes a reduced scale, miniature piecing, or miniature appliqué techniques.*
- ✓ *Sources of design section should reference any books, patterns or kits you used, or classes taken (give credit to the designer). Feel free to provide additional information about your quilt, its recipient, its story, that can be used for narrative in the video.*
- ✓ *Your entry does not have to be rectangular, but does need to have a means by which to hang it for display from a straight metal rod. If you are submitting a quilt that has anything other than a straight top edge and a sleeve for hanging, you must provide another means to display that quilt so that it will hang.*
- ✓ *Please look over your entries closely before dropping them off for display. Please check carefully for stray needles and pins. Also watch for loose or hanging threads, animal fur, and stains, as these can detract from the beauty of your work.*
- ✓ *Temporary hanging sleeves look and work best when they are basted on, rather than pinned.*
- ✓ *You may offer a displayed quilt for sale, however the purchaser may not remove it from the show until the show has ended.*

QUILT REGISTRATION- QUILT SHOW**11th Annual Quilt Show
Franklin County Quilters Guild
Quilt Registration Form***(Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 9th, 2009)*

Please print clearly or type, one form per quilt:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of Quilt: _____

Brief Description: _____

Category: (Check one only)

_____ (C) Crib or Lap Quilt _____ (B) Bed Quilt _____ (W) Wall Quilt _____ (M) Miniature

Hanging dimensions of entry in inches: _____ (width) by _____ (length)

****Note:** Lap, Bed and Wall Quilts must have a 5" sleeve for hanging. Miniatures less than 20" wide may omit a hanging sleeve.

Check all that apply:

_____ Hand pieced _____ Machine pieced _____ Hand appliquéd _____
Machine appliquéd

_____ Hand quilted _____ Machine quilted _____ Professionally machine quilted

Other techniques used: _____

Pieced/appliquéd by whom: _____ Quilted by whom: _____

Name of piecing/appliqué design: _____ Photograph enclosed: _____

Sources of design: _____

Franklin County Quilters Guild and St. Albans City are not responsible for damage or loss of quilts exhibited. I accept full responsibility for any and all insurance coverage.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit completed form and photo via e-mail to: quiltsanity@yahoo.com or by mail to:

Shireen Melton, Quilt Registration, 6 Stoney Acre Dr., St. Albans VT 05478

Any questions, email Shireen at quiltsanity@yahoo.com or call 524-2407*(e-mail is preferred due to work and family obligations)*

CALLING ALL QUILTS

Registration has begun for our 11th annual quilt show. Please consider displaying at least one of your quilts, wallhangings or miniatures this year. For those who are new members, we have a non-juried show, so anyone who is a member in the guild can display their work. We celebrate and embrace the diversity of quilting styles and techniques that makes Franklin County Quilters Guild different from other guilds.

Your quilt doesn't have to be complex or have perfect points to get displayed, so don't be discouraged if you are a beginner. Ribbons are awarded based on popular vote of the visitors to the show. So hunt through your projects and pick out a quilt or two to display in our show this year! Registration details and a registration form are included in this newsletter.

MONTHLY BLOCKS

We hope you've been enjoying the monthly blocks so far this year. Just a few reminders: All of the blocks should be a 12 ½ inch unfinished block. Please use the designated piece of fabric for your block which you are bringing in for the block raffle. This will hopefully help coordinate the blocks. The fabric will always be prewashed for you. You will only receive enough for the block that you share with the guild. The use for the given focus fabric will be circled on your directions each month. On the directions, the fabric requirements will be AT THE END of the directions. Most of the directions will also include a sample of a finished quilt using that block, for those who win the blocks and those who would like to make more.

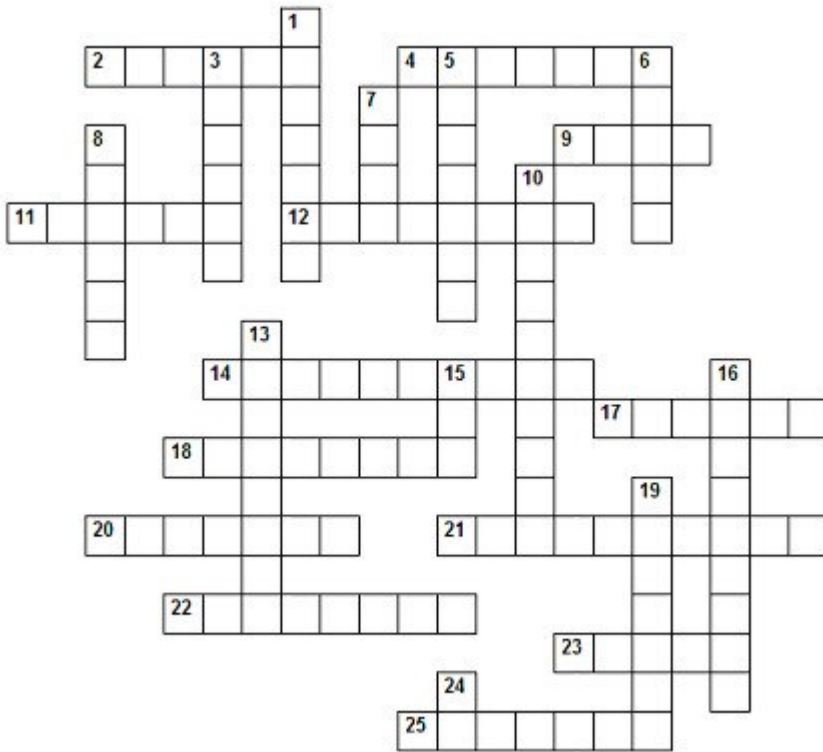
If you cannot make a meeting, we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to get the next month's piece of fabric. You can ask a friend to pick one up for you or you may call Elaine Magnan (527-7835), Alyce Bushey (527-7291) or Mary Ellen Therrien (782-1958). We will find a way to get it to you.

Some members have asked us to calculate the amount of fabric needed to complete all of the blocks in their own colors. If people have an interest in getting two bonus patterns in June to make it twelve, I'm sure we can supply them. Two yards of each of a light, medium and dark fabric along with a few coordinating scraps should be plenty for either 10 or 12 blocks. Note: the piece of fabric presented to you at the meeting is to be used for coordination of the block raffle. If you choose to use the piece for your own quilt top, the fabrics provided will probably not coordinate with one another for a complete quilt. For a more coordinated quilt at home, you may want to purchase material as described in this paragraph.

Have fun and hopefully you'll be our next monthly winner.

ACROSS

- 2
What you sew with.
- 4
The process of sewing pieces of fabric together by hand or machine to make a patchwork.
- 9
The meeting of two pieces of fabric that is held together with stitching.
- 11
The process of adjusting the length of one fabric edge to match the length of another fabric edge while stitching them together.
- 12
The process of sewing small pieces of fabric onto a larger piece of fabric by hand or machine.
- 14
_____ fabric. The process of rinsing fabric in hot water to preshrink it and remove sizing.
- 17
Printed fabric that has small repeating designs.
- 18
Cutting the fabric to capture a certain area of the design in the print.
- 20
_____ quilting. Quilt stitching that follows the outline of a piece.
- 21
A piece of fabric (18" x 22") that is half of a half yard of fabric (18" x 44").
- 22
A device that you can use to see through darker fabric to trace from a pattern underneath the fabric.
- 23
Quilter's _____. An organization made up of quilters.
- 25
Fabric strips that separate the blocks in a quilt.



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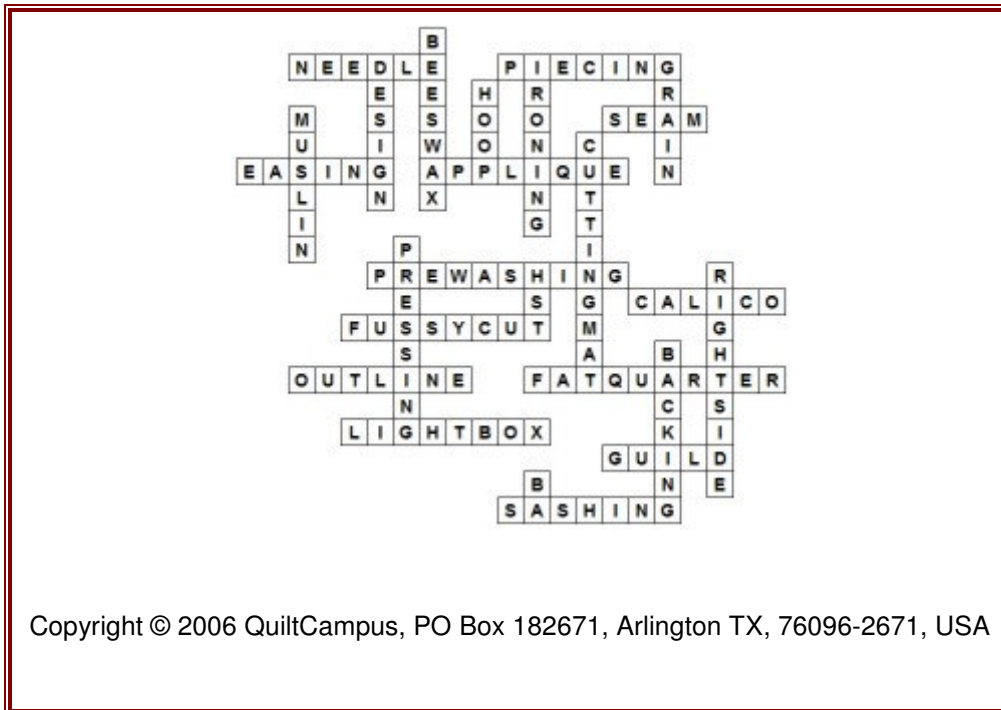
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A wax that you rub on to the quilting/applique thread to stiffen, strengthen and reduce tangling when sewing.
- 3
_____ Board. Wall or felt-covered board used in auditioning block components or fabric patterns/colors to plan quilt top design.
- 5
The process of moving an iron across the fabric to smooth and flatten it.
- 6
The direction of the crosswise and lengthwise threads of a fabric.

	7
Quilting _____. A small circular apparatus that holds the layers of a quilt together during quilting.	
	8
A plain-woven undyed cotton fabric.	
	10
A flat piece of rubber like material that is used with a rotary cutter to protect the table surface and to preserve the blade's sharpness.	
	13
Finger _____. A technique to make a seam lie flat by pinching the fabric between your fingers.	
	15
Half Square Triangle (abbreviation).	
	16
The front or top side of the fabric that usually has a print on it.	
	19
The fabric on the back of a quilt.	
	24
Baltimore Album (abbreviation).	
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UPCOMING EVENTS

QUILTING BEE – Quilts Of Valor. Feb 22nd and March 22nd, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the VFW Post 758, 353 Lake St, St Albans VT 05478.

COMMON THREADS QUILT GUILD PRESENTS MARY ELLEN HOPKINS ON JUNE 3 & 4, 2009 AT THE VFW HALL, 129 VFW DR. (OFF RT. 15), HYDE PARK, VT. EVENING LECTURE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 7PM-9PM ALL-DAY LECTURE: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 9AM-4PM

MARY ELLEN HOPKINS IS COMING TO VERMONT! WORLD-RENOWNED QUILTER, AUTHOR, TEACHER, FABRIC DESIGNER AND FORMER QUILT STORE OWNER,

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SEATING IS LIMITED! TICKETS PURCHASED BEFORE MAY 1: \$20 FOR ALL-DAY LECTURE (INCLUDES FREE ADMISSION TO EVENING LECTURE) AND \$10 FOR EVENING LECTURE ONLY. TICKETS PURCHASED AFTER MAY 1: \$25 FOR ALL-DAY LECTURE (INCLUDES FREE ADMISSION TO EVENING LECTURE) AND \$15 FOR EVENING LECTURE ONLY. SEND CHECK PAYABLE TO CTQG AND SASE TO KATHY KRYPEL, PO Box 91, LAKE ELMORE, VT 05657.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL PAT AT 802 644-5404 OR EMAIL BASKETSBYPAT@PSHIFT.COM; OR CALL KATHY AT 802 888-2993 OR EMAIL FKKRYPEL@PEOPLEPC.COM

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