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President's Piece

The New Year is moving along so quickly. It's February already!

I've been plug'n away at my Dear Jane... So far I have a total of 16 blocks completed. It doesn't feel like I've made a lot of progress, but I've been learning a lot. Reverse appliqué is now part of my skill set, and I'm getting pretty good at curved piecing. I get so jealous when I read on Facebook how someone completed seven blocks in one day... really!?! I think I do good when I get a block done on any given day!

I've also been working on Jenny Doan's Disappearing Pin Wheel and a special embroidery project. I'm always working on something and yet I feel like I'm hardly ever finishing anything! It's all good though...I'm having fun and that's all that counts. I do need to get some of my tops on the longarm so I can finish them up & enter some into the quilt show! Oh my, the quilt show! The quilt entry deadline is March 14th; that's only a month and a half away! Hope you all are getting your quilts ready & filling out your entry forms for Kay!

Well, I'll see you all February 19th for "An Evening in Red": doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7:00. Remember to wear red, bring a red fat quarter, and bring something red you made for show & tell!



I'm a quilter and my house is in pieces! - unknown



Roseanne Terrill

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 16th Trunk Show
with Alicia Cardoza

November 20th Dear Jane
Trunk Show

December 7th StrataVarious Quilts
Workshop with Kay Benedict

December 18th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap (6:00 pm start)

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

January 15th Redwork Demo
with Guild Members

*February 19th An Evening in Red
Wear Something Red,
Bring Red Fat Quarter(s)
Show & Tell of Red Quilts*

March 19th Quilt Show Prep
Program TBD

April 4th Quilt Show Setup

April 5th & 6th Quilt Show

2013 -2014 Guild Calendar

April 25th Trunk Show
with Kay Berquist,
Vermont Quilt Designs

April 26th Crazy Quilt Runner
Workshop with Kay Berquist

May 21st TBD

June 18th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Minutes of January 15, 2014**

Present: Total attended 47

New members: Myrna Wells and Rita Dean

Guest (and former/founding member) Denise Quint

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Roseanne Terrill, President.

Secretary's Report for December meeting: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Linda Nadeau

Treasurer's Report for December: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Sandi Maynard

Old Business

Quilt Show

- Fourteen quilts have been registered for the show.
- Bonnie Evans circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- Denise Chase reviewed several needs:
 1. A new crew of husbands/sons for Friday pole pickup/setup and Sunday takedown/pole return.
 2. Delivery of publicity materials to shops participating in Shop Hop. Mary King volunteered.
 3. Handmade items and kits for the Silent Auction.

2015 Charity Quilt: Char Mulyca showed three quilt tops from which to choose a pattern; members voted, and the Thousand Pyramids pattern was chosen.

Raffle Quilt 2015: Denise Chase will be using leftover Irene fabric and will surprise us with the pattern.

New Business

February Program: Carolyn Kittell explained "An Evening in Red." Guild members are asked to: wear red to the meeting; bring one red fat quarter (or other red fabric) for a swap; and bring red quilts for a special show-and-tell. There will be chocolate!

April Program: Carolyn Kittell explained that Kay Berquist will be giving a lecture at our April meeting, scheduled for Friday, April 25th. Interest was expressed by a show of hands for a crazy quilt table runner workshop on Saturday, April 26th.

Aurifil Thread Orders: Roseanne Terrill offered a couple of deals at wholesale prices and took orders.

Block of the Month: For the February block (Mrs. Taft's Choice), color #1 = black, color #2 = red or pink, color #3 = cream. Instructions from Quilter's Cache were distributed.

Library: Kay Benedict showed three books by Harriet Hargrave, who will be teaching at VQF this summer.

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Rita Dean
- Charity Quilts: Nanc Ekiert
- Block of the Month: April Walker

Program

Sharon Perry presented a program on Redwork, which included slides, handouts, a lecture on the history of redwork, and demonstrations. There was a drawing for embroidery-related goodies; winners were Jen Burt, Shirley Babcock, Elaine Magnan, Nancy Magnan, Carolyn Kittell, Linda Nadeau, and Sue McGregor.

Show and Tell

Next meeting - Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30). Program: An Evening in Red

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

Be my Valentine!!!



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2014**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- February 19, 2014**

Opening Balance		\$4,837.49
Funds Collected		
Raffle tickets	\$61.00	
	<i>Funds Collected Total</i>	\$61.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$4,898.49
Funds Paid Out		
Church of the Rock, Feb rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Feb	\$25.00	
Char Mulyca, Membership copies	\$19.33	
Bonnie Evans, Raffle Quilt fabric	\$8.38	
	<i>Funds Paid Out Total</i>	\$87.71
	Grand Total	\$4,810.78

2014 YTD Collections: \$61.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
02/19/2014

QUILT TIPS

- To get the perspective of distance on a quilt plan, view it through a door peephole insert from the hardware store.
- Cut the background fabric block for redwork or appliqué 1" larger than the desired finished block size. This will allow for "shrinkage" while you work.
- Pin appliqué elements to the background fabric from the back instead of the front. The thread will be less likely to catch on the pins.
- Recycle flexible plastic cutting boards for the bottoms of handmade bags. Cover the plastic with a layer of batting for padding and a fabric sleeve.
- When safety pin basting, use a crochet hook or a grapefruit spoon to help catch the points of the pins as they emerge from under the quilt.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter:

Wednesday, February 26th, 2014

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



QUILT SHOW: 55 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2014 Quilt Show is only 55 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 the January guild meeting, we only had 14 quilts registered, and we need many more to fill City Hall. Kay Benedict has once again volunteered as the Quilt Registration coordinator wants to have the quilts registered sooner rather than later. So let's help her out and get ALL the quilts registered at the February meeting. 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. As a reminder, **registered quilts will need to be dropped off on Friday, April 4th, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** If you're not available to drop your quilt(s) off during these hours, please have a friend bring your quilt(s) to City Hall.

- **We need strong, young women or men!!!** We need at least 3 more people to help Jim Chase with the pick-up (on Friday) and return (on Sunday) of the quilt poles. We'll take husbands, daughters/sons, grand-daughters/grand-sons or 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 still needs a few members to fill white glove positions, and Sharon Perry needs a few members to volunteer to do a demo at the quilt show. Please see Bonnie if you can white glove at the show **OR** see Sharon if you have a quick demo to share with attendees at the show.

- **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, 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 give them to Gwen Guyette.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Diane Forey 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. Diane 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.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. Last year, many members were surprised at the appraised value of their quilts and never imagined their quilts were worth the value Sandra assigned; one member's miniature quilt (measuring 14" X 16") was appraised for \$750!!! 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.

- **Don't forget to complete and enter your Challenge Quilts!!!** Sharon Perry has issued a challenge to all guild members to complete a quilt using at least one Dear Jane block or triangle. Rules for the challenge are outlined below.



FEBRUARY MEETING: AN EVENING IN RED

Come to the February meeting and spend "An Evening in Red!" Members are encouraged to wear something red to the meeting. There will also be a red fabric swap so be sure to bring a red fat quarter or two to participate. Show and Tell for the evening will feature red quilts. If you have a red quilt or quilt top, bring it to the meeting. Carolyn Kittell also says **there will be chocolate** at the meeting. **NOTE: The February Show and Tell is NOT limited to red quilts. Bring ALL your items for Show and Tell.**

DEAR JANE CHALLENGE QUILT RULES FOR QUILT SHOW

1. The Challenge Quilt can be no larger than 24"W by 24"H. It can be any size smaller.
2. The quilt must include at least one (1) block or pieced/appliquéd triangle from the Dear Jane quilt. The block/triangle can be resized to any measurement to fit within the quilt's size limitations above. Any other blocks in the quilt can be any design as long as at least one (1) block/triangle is a Dear Jane block/triangle.
3. The quilt must be completed using Civil War-era reproduction fabrics or fabrics which look like Civil War-era fabrics.
4. The quilt must be entered into the 2014 quilt show. The Dear Jane block or triangle needs to be identified, by the Dear Jane name and Dear Jane location (i.e. Tic-Tac-Toe, C-4), in the quilt's description on the entry form.

If you have any questions, please email Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com or call her at 326-3135.



February 1st
February 2nd
February 18th
February 23rd
February 25th
February 27th

Alyce Bushey
Sally Krupp
Jill Boomhover
Pam Salazar
Patricia Bird
Gerda Thibault

RECIPE CORNER: NO FAIL SUGAR COOKIES

This is a repeat recipe for the newsletter just in time for Valentine's Day...make some heart-shaped cookies for your sweetheart...

This recipe is GREAT when using complex cookie cutters. The dough holds its shape and won't spread during baking. Former guild member Deb Aylward calls these cookies "the BEST sugar cookies ever!" Recipe can be halved.

6 cups flour	2 eggs
3 tsp. baking powder	2 tsp vanilla
2 cups butter	1 tsp. salt
2 cups sugar	

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Mix dry ingredients, and add a little at a time to butter mixture. Mix until flour is completely incorporated, and the dough comes together.

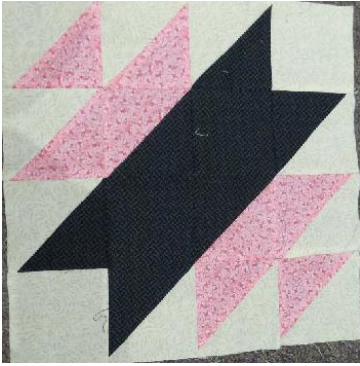
Chill for 1 to 2 hours (or see Hint below). Roll to desired thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake on ungreased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until just beginning to turn brown around the edges. This recipe can make up to 5 dozen 3" cookies.

HINT: *Rather than wait for the cookie dough to chill, take fresh dough and place a glob between two sheets of parchment paper. Roll out to desired thickness then place dough and paper on a cookie sheet and pop it into the refrigerator. Continue rolling out dough between sheets of paper until you've used it all. By the time you're finished, the first batch will be completely chilled and ready to cut. Re-roll leftover dough; repeat process!*

MORE QUILT TIPS

- Audition 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.
- After cutting and pressing your binding lay it flat and fold it into 8"-12" increments in a back and forth motion. Slip a large rubber band on each end. When sewing the binding on the quilt, you can release as much binding as you need.
- Try using your collection of plastic and metal cookie cutters for quilting! They make great appliqué shapes and quilting designs.

FEBRUARY 2014 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: MRS. TAFT'S CHOICE



Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Use black or black print for Color 1, red or pink for Color 2,
and cream for Color 3.

If you have any questions, call Carol Stanley 849-2949.

Click the link below for the Signature Chain block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/M/MrsTaftsChoiceBlock.html>

Don't forget to continue to Page 2 of the instructions; the link to Page 2 is at the bottom of the page.

ON THE WEB...PATTERNS FOR FEBRUARY

9-PATCH HEART TABLERUNNER: <http://www.mccallsquilting.com/patterns/details.html?id=15037>

DRESDEN HEART: <http://quiltingupacreek.webs.com/patterns/dresdenheart.pdf>

HAVE A HEART (3-INCH BLOCK): <https://www.caroldoak.com/userfiles/file/HaveAHeart.pdf>

HAVE A HEART (6-INCH BLOCK): https://www.caroldoak.com/userfiles/file/Three_6_%20Hearts2.pdf

FEATURED ONLINE TUTORIAL: LOVE NOTES WALLHANGING

From Missouri Star Quilt Company

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hFwmZ8sJT8&list=UUWnhR7raxVFDHmDXqCIzuAw&feature=c4-overview>

RECIPE CORNER: CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

- 8 ounces semi-sweet or bittersweet chocolate (high quality, 62% cacao or higher), well chopped into small pieces
- 1/2 cup of heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- In a small, heavy saucepan bring the heavy whipping cream to a simmer (this may take a while, stir and scrape down the sides with a rubber spatula every few minutes).
- Place the chocolate in a separate bowl. Pour the cream over the chocolate, add the vanilla, and allow to stand for a few minutes. Then stir until smooth.
- Allow to cool, place in the refrigerator for 2 hours. Remove and with a teaspoon roll out balls of the ganache. Roll in hands quickly (as it will melt from the heat of your hands) and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerator overnight.
- Roll in cocoa powder and serve, or place back in the refrigerator until needed.

Happy
Valentine's
Day



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TRY YOUR HAND AT THESE ANAGRAMS

The following anagrams were in the January 2014 newsletter. How many did you guess? As promised, here are the answers:

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| Lawn slob = snowball | Lax rover top = polar vortex | Polymeric twins = Winter Olympics |
| Adorning bows = snowboarding | Aligns pinkie = alpine skiing | Lend digs = sledding |
| Stem tin = mittens | Jingle hurt rink tram = Martin Luther King Jr | She swoons = snowshoes |

The following anagrams are associated with February and Valentine's Day. See how many you can guess. The answers will be revealed in the February newsletter.

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| Teach cools | Doses err | Earths |
| Envy batmen lie | Ovule I you | Raw cuspidor |
| Puce lo | Mar cone | West heater |

Don't forget to bring:
 - Red fat quarter(s)
 - Completed quilt registration form(s)
 with quilt photo
 - Red quilts for Show and Tell
 - Other items for Show and Tell

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