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DEADLINE

FOR

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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Wednesday, March 31st

Please send your articles & submissions to Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com

President's Message

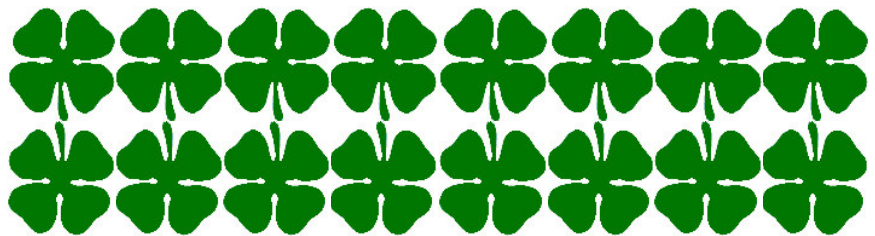
Hello Everyone!

The Quilt Show is a little over a month away! That's it. Then it's Showtime! So, the past month has been a world-wind to complete my quilt show checklist. Two quilts are finished including the binding and the sleeves. My heart project and my third and final quilt are work progress. They will be my focus for the next three weekends. There have been numerous nights that I have dreamt about the quilt show – if I volunteered to do a display for I Spy, do I even have a quilt available to display? Yes, in my dream I found the quilt!! Until my dream, I was certain I only had Christmas quilts. So, I am going to participate in I Spy.

Please challenge yourself to do something more for the quilt show whether it's another quilt, volunteering for something new, or contributing to the silent auction. The quilt show represents the Franklin County Quilters Guild, and it takes all of us to make it a success!

See you on the 17th.

- Ann Jacobs



SHOPPING WITH FIBRE JUNCTION

Wednesday, March 17th, 2010

Be sure to bring your pocketbook filled with cash, checks or credit cards because Fibre Junction will be bringing lots of lovely quilt fabric and other quilt items to the March guild meeting for a guild shopping spree. If you haven't had an opportunity to visit their store in Rouses Point, you are in for a real treat! They have a wonderful selection of fabric, books and patterns to please everyone's taste.

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of February 17, 2010

Present: Total attended, 39; New members: 1 - Dianne McGill; Guests: 1 - Elisa Maple

Proceedings: *Meeting called to order* at 6:00 p.m. by President, Ann Jacobs, where upon she introduced the guest speaker, Froncie Quinn, co-author of *Enduring Grace: Quilts from the Shelburne Museum* and a museum licensed pattern writer. Her lecture was about Florence Peto, an accomplished quilt maker and quilt historian who was instrumental in acquiring and documenting the quilts in the Shelburne Museum's collection in the 1950s.

Secretary's Report: January Minutes - motion to accept, Marjorie Taylor; seconded by Shireen Melton. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept, Beverly Cook; seconded by Shireen Melton. Motion carried.

Announcements: Thank you notes read from Champlain Island Food Shelf and from Cowles.

Old Business:

- Guild Library (Kay Benedict). The library is officially started. Kay's still looking for donations of books & gently used magazines.
- 2010 Quilt Show (Sharon Perry):
 - o We still need quilts. So far we have 18 quilts. Be sure that your quilts have a sleeve & that the sleeve is stitched on (machine or hand) - do not use safety pins.
 - o We need items for the silent auction. We have 15 items so far.
 - o I Spy Quilt: See Gail Darling to adopt a business.
 - o Volunteer list: We still have some spots to fill.
 - o Raffle tickets: See Gail Darling. All tickets & proceeds from tickets need to be turned in to Gail by March's meeting.
 - o Demonstrations: Still need one more demo for the quilt show. See Lorraine Pike.
 - o Publicity: Gerda Thibault has envelopes w/fliers. She's looking for anyone going on the shop hop to take a package to each of the stores. Fliers are available for people to put in car windows and to put in their neighborhood stores.

New Business:

- Habitat for Humanity. The piecing of the quilt is complete & ready for quilting.
- Denise Chase asked to give a charity quilt to the Rotary Club so they can auction it to raise money. Motion to accept: Gerda Thibault, seconded by Gisele Nolan. Motion carried.

Block of the Month: Instructions and swatches for next month's blocks were on the tables.

Monthly Drawings

- Door prize went to Deb Aylward.
- BOM drawing won by Deb Aylward.
- Charity quilt drawing went to Rolande Fortin.
- WIP/UFO drawing - Elaine Magnan.

Show & Tell: Charity quilt show & tell.

Other Business

- Next mtg, February 17th. Wear something green!
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Roseanne Terrill.

GUILD LIBRARY IS UP AND RUNNING!

Spring is right around the corner. WOOHOO! Spring cleaning is already underway at my house. I've been pulling a few quilting books and magazines from my shelves to make room for - you guessed it - more fabric. Into the FCQG library they go, so *my* quilting resources are now *your* quilting resources too. See the complete list on our website of these and other materials donated by guild members. Email Kay Benedict at kayben1@yahoo.com if you'd like to check something out at the next meeting.

If your spring cleaning has begun, look for just one item to contribute to our library, and bring it with you to the March meeting. Then go buy more fabric!



FESTIVAL OF QUILTS IN RUTLAND

The Maple Leaf Quilters Guild (MLQ) will hold their 25th Festival of Quilts on Saturday and Sunday, March 27th and 28th at the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, VT. In celebration of the silver anniversary show, there will be a display of viewers' choice quilts from earlier shows, along with guild memorabilia.

Over 100 quilts, including traditional, contemporary, pieced, and appliquéd, will be on exhibit. Guild member Paulette Martel of Cavendish, VT is the Featured Guild member, showing her use of mixed media techniques as a quilter.

Jane Masenas of Essex Junction, VT, is the Invitational Quilter. She creates unique crazy quilts, both traditional and contemporary, in sizes from miniatures to larger wall hangings. She will be showing her newest quilt, "A Busy Garden," for the first time at a public event.

Embellishing with meticulous embroidery, beads and buttons, Masenas considers her crazy quilts to be a "green art." She finds treasures and inspiration for her quilts at antique stores, flea markets, and yard sales. From old men's ties to vintage black beadwork panels, she "rescues" important pieces of someone else's past that otherwise might be lost. Gallery talks by Masenas are scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday.

The antique quilt show, coordinated by Maxine Garfinkel of Rutland, will be scrap quilts and vintage butterfly quilts. Over 25 quilts are on loan from guild members and friends of the guild.

On display will be the guild's 2010 Butterfly Fundraiser Quilt. Member Sue Ianni of West Rutland recently inherited approximately 1800 vintage butterfly appliqué pieces that had been carefully cut out many years ago by her mother and great aunt. Ianni offered a number of these butterflies to be used for the Fundraiser Quilt. Members assembled the butterfly quilt, which is professionally quilted by fellow member Janet Block of Rutland.

New this year is a Consignment Boutique where show attendees will find a variety of treasures. Potential items include antique quilts and quilt tops, vintage fabrics, contemporary fabrics, and new items created by the MLQ quilters.

Show highlights also include vendors, tea room, and a ticket auction of gift-filled baskets. There will be ongoing demonstrations by vendors and guild members. Guild volunteers will be on the exhibit floor to answer questions.

The Festival of Quilts is open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday and is handicapped accessible. There is an admission charge of \$6.00. The Festival of Quilts is also a Vermont Maple Open House Weekend Hospitality Partner

For additional information call 802-273-3064, email mlqshow2010@yahoo.com or visit the MLQ website at www.mapleleafquilters.org.

QUILTS OF VALOR



VERMONT CHAPTER

Please join us for a QOV QUILT-A-THON! Bring your QOV project, or anything you may need/want to work on, UFOs, or just stop by and say hi!

WHEN: 1st Saturday of EVERY month from
9:00 am—2:00 pm

WHERE: Forever Bloom Quilt Shop & More
71 North Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478

CONTACTS: Roseanne Terrill, 802-524-7603
Gail Darling, 802-827-3159

QUILT SHOW COUNTDOWN CONTINUES 31 DAYS TO GO....

The Quilt Show Committee met again on March 8th to continue planning for the 12th annual quilt show on April 10th & 11th, the second weekend in April. Although there are only 31 days left until the show, there's still much to do. Read how you can help out this year. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"

*QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!
IT'S ALL ABOUT THE QUILTS!!!*

WE STILL NEED QUILTS!!! As of March 8th, Shireen had received 62 quilt registrations. We still

need about 40 more quilts to fill City Hall with color. So if you've already entered a quilt in the show and have more completed at home, please consider entering another quilt of any size. The registration deadline has been extended to the evening of the guild meeting on March 17th.

SHIREEN ALSO NEEDS HELP FINISHING MORE BLACK DRAPES. One of the lessons learned from last year is that we needed more black drapes. Shireen has purchased more material, but is looking for someone to hem and make a sleeve at the top of each panel before the show. If you can help with this small task, please let call Shireen at 524-2407 or email quiltsanity@yahoo.com

"I SPY QUILTS ON MAIN STREET?"

Gail Darling is still looking for more members to adopt a business or two. [This is a very easy way for members to help with the quilt show.](#) All you will need to do is deliver a quilt(s) to your business, along with a poster, and return after the show to pick up your quilt(s). It really is that easy!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

Nancy Orcutt and Peg Burbank, the Silent Auction coordinators, still need about 10-15 more items to have a good selection for show attendees to bid on. Nancy and Peg need any donations by the March meeting so they have time to take pictures and prepare the necessary paperwork for all the items.

BASKET OF FAT QUARTERS

Gwen Guyette needs more 100%, good quality cotton fat quarters to fill the FQ basket. If you haven't already donated some FQs, please consider doing so, and give your FQs to Gwen Guyette at the guild meeting.

VOLUNTEERS

Bonnie Evans is still looking for a few good women to help with the show. She'll be visiting all the tables at the guild meeting to fill the last few spaces. Bring your personal calendars along so you'll know when you'll be able to help out.

QUILT DROP-OFF

This year, we want all quilts to be dropped off at City Hall no later than 5:30 pm on Friday, April 9th. We know some members may find it difficult to travel from work and drop quilts off by 5:30 pm. So we're asking those members to do a little advanced planning and drop their quilts off with Shireen at her home before Friday or arrange to have a friend bring their quilts to City Hall. We ask everyone's help here so we can get all the quilts hung and leave at a reasonable hour before we all have to return early on Saturday morning.

CHARITY QUILT DISPLAY

Ann Jacobs is organizing the charity quilt display again this year. She asks that the charity quilt coordinators (listed on page 1 of this newsletter) do a short write-up about their charity and the quilts the guild has donated to the organization. These write-ups will be incorporated into the display. For the coordinators, please either email your write-up (preferred method) to quiltsanity@yahoo.com or bring a hard copy to the meeting and give it to Ann Jacobs.

RAFFLE TICKETS

And finally, don't forget to turn in your raffle money and stubs to Gail Darling. By doing so, you'll save Gail Darling some time, and she won't have to "bug" anyone with a phone call. **WE MUST ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY BEFORE THE QUILT SHOW!!!**

ATTACHING A SLEEVE TO YOUR QUILT

By Serena Smith

Editor's Note: Since we talked a long time at the February meeting about quilt sleeves for the quilt show, we decided to include a short article about sleeves and some websites which provide good pictorial references for making and attaching a sleeve.

What is a quilt sleeve? A quilt sleeve is a piece of fabric stitched on the back of the quilt near the top edge. This tube of fabric is made so a dowel rod can be inserted for the purpose of hanging your quilt or wall hanging. A quilt sleeve, constructed and attached properly as a tube, will also provide protection for your quilt when it is hung.

Quilt shows will require you to stitch a sleeve on the back of your entry. Most of the time, quilt shows will give you dimensions for creating a quilt sleeve according to their requirements. If they don't, you will need to create your own. Even if you are not entering your project in a quilt show, it is still a good idea to attach a sleeve if you will be hanging it in your home.

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 OR have only used a single layer of fabric, you may want to check out some of the links before making your next quilt sleeve:

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

<http://www.scvqaquilts.org/forms/2009QuiltSleeve.pdf>

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

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

12th Annual Quilt Show

St. Albans City Hall

April 10th & 11th, 2010

The Franklin County Quilters Guild is holding its 12th Annual Quilt Show, April 10th & 11th, 2010, at the City Hall in St. Albans, Vermont.

Registration deadline is Monday, March 8th, 2010. 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 9th, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 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 11th 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.*
- ✓ *Based on information provided on the registration form and picture, the Quilt Registration Chair reserves the right to place the entry into a more appropriate category.*
- ✓ *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 and help avoid damage to the quilt 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.*

12th Annual Quilt Show
Franklin County Quilters Guild
Quilt Registration Form

(Registration Deadline: EXTENDED TO Wednesday, March 17th, 2010)

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
(email is preferred due to work and family obligations)

MARCH 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report --- March 17, 2010**

Opening Balance		\$1,171.88
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Funds collected

Dues	\$15.00
Raffle Tickets	\$140.00
Quilt Show Vendor rent	\$150.00

<i>Total</i>	\$305.00
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<i>Total</i>	\$1,476.88
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Funds paid out

Church of the Rock, Mar rent	\$35.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Mar	\$25.00
Hoopla, Froncie Quinn lecture	\$328.00
Gerda Thibault, Quilt Show printing & City of St. A agreement	\$235.43
Ann Jacobs, Meeting copies	\$15.60
Lorraine Pike, Quilt Show door prizes	\$39.89

<i>Total</i>	\$678.92
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Grand Total	\$797.96
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2010 YTD Collections: \$320.00

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
03/17/10

*****National Quilting Day 2010 is Saturday, March 20th. Plan to spend some time quilting*****
*****with friends or shopping at your favorite, local quilt store.*****

QUILT TIPS

Use the overhead projector sheets in your computer printer to print out the templates for quilt patterns.

Glue small pieces of sandpaper on the backs of your rulers to keep them from slipping on the fabric when rotary cutting.

Stay-stitch bias edges of setting pieces before assembling blocks into quilt top. This prevents stretching. You can do the stay-stitching BEFORE cutting the square into quarter triangles. Draw a line through the centers of the square and stitch about 1/8" on either side before cutting.

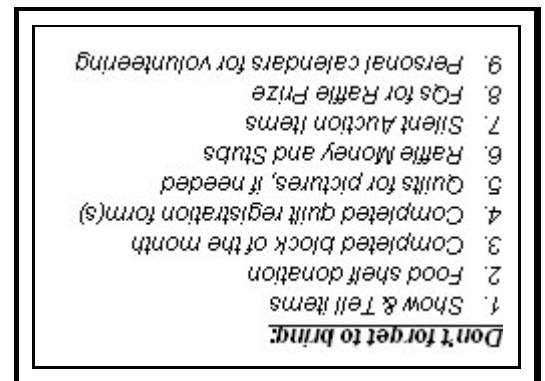
It's easier to make half-square triangles slightly larger size than the finished requirement, and then trim them to size.

To re-sharpen your rotary cutters, fold up a piece of silver foil so that you have several layers and then just cut through it several times and your cutter will be re-sharpened.

Put your used/broken needles and pins in an empty Tic-Tac container...it's clear, so you can see what's in it; then, when it's filled, tape over the opening before discarding.

Go to your nearest "auto repair store" and purchase a magnetic tray for nuts & bolts...they're great for needles and pins.

When using plastic templates for marking quilts, use double stick tape on the back to secure the template while tracing the pattern. This works great with large templates as well as small.



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