

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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### President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Wow! What a birthday party! A big thank you to everyone who worked to make it the success it was. Now we settle into quilt show activities.

At the March meeting the program will be our members sharing a quilt that is special for them. The quilt could be special because you designed it, made it to commemorate a special occasion, has a difficult pattern to master or easy but looks difficult. There are many reasons why a quilt is special to us. If I could take on uncovering and opening our pop-up camper I'd take out and show the first quilt I made. Oh, I have learned so much. It's a faded and tattered Trip Around the World. I didn't keep a 1/4-inch seam, the fabrics are too busy, etc. etc.. However, it sparked my interest and when the quilt shop opened up in St. Albans and offered classes, I was hooked. Hopefully other members don't have a favorite quilt buried in a camper so they can bring it to the March meeting.

At the March business meeting we will review our charity quilt distribution system. The Home Health quilts come in and go out quickly so members are very motivated to make quilts for this charity. Are there ways we can enhance the distribution of our quilts for breast cancer, Laurie's House and fire and disaster charities? People love incentives and the point system for prizes at our birthday party lead to many charity quilts being donated. Do we want to continue an incentive program and are their ways way can support one if we decide to have it? Food for thought until our March meeting.

Sincerely,

Helen Short, 2015-2016 President



#### 2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social

October 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas in October  
(6:30 pm start!!!)

November 20<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Dan Perkins (6:30 pm START!)

November 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop  
with Dan Perkins at NMC

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop  
with Dan Perkins at NMC

December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

#### 2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17<sup>th</sup> IT'S A S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

**March 16<sup>th</sup> Our Special Quilts  
& Quilt Show Prep  
(Business meeting starts at 7pm)**

April 1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Quilt Show

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show

#### 2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

April 29<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Pat Pauly

April 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Pat Pauly

May 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Workshop  
with Pat Pauly

May 18<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck &  
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of February 17, 2016

Present: Total attended 60 (one new member: Denise Koloc, one guest: Barbara Fraser)

Business meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Helen Short, President

**Secretary's Report** for January meeting: Motion to accept by Nancy Orcutt, seconded by Linda Nadeau. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report** for February: Motion to accept by Donna Blouin, seconded by Sharon Perry. Approved.

**Committee Reports:****Quilt Show**

- 71 quilts were registered for the show by the final entry deadline.
- Appraisal sign-up sheet was circulated.
- Volunteer sign-up sheet for the show will be posted on the website.
- Carolyn Kittell is looking for a volunteer to narrate the video of the show for Channel 15 at 8am on April 2.

**Projects**

- The Mystery Quilt has begun, but it's not too late to start. Clues are posted on Facebook; contact Christy Mulyca if you need the clues delivered by email or snail mail instead.

**2017 Charity Quilt**

- Strips (7 1/2" x WOF) in blues and greens are still needed.

**Programs**

- Signup began for Pat Pauly workshops on April 30 (New Big Leaf) and May 1 (Skinny Line Leaf) for \$35 each.

**New Business**

- A thank-you note was received from the Swanton Community Food Shelf.

**Monthly Drawings**

- Door Prize: Denise Chase
- Charity Quilts: Helen Short
- Birthday drawings: Sally Krupp for February, Penny LaRochelle for August

**Program**

- Celebration of the guild's 25th birthday! After birthday cake and ice cream, names were drawn for scores of prizes, and everyone was a winner!

Bonnie Evans won the grand prize sewing machine and carrying case.

**Show and Tell**

**Next meeting** - Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Slips for quilts entered in the show will be distributed. Program: It's a surprise...

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

**QUILT TIPS**

- Use pencil grips to protect the points of small pointed scissors. They also help prevent poking and cutting fingers.
- Save leftover paper-backed fusible web in a large zipper storage bag. Cut a piece of card stock the size of the bag and slip in the pieces of fusible web on top. The card stock keeps it flat and ready to use.
- Before starting a new quilt, transfer the cutting instructions to a dry erase board. As you cut, erase that size and move on. It's easier than looking at the instructions in the magazine.
- Use a glass full of colored marbles to hold sewing tools next to your machine. The tools are handy and the glass is pretty to look at.
- Buy a new toilet brush and keep it in the sewing room. When you're finished sewing/quilting, skim the brush over the carpet to catch the loose threads before they get tangled up in the vacuum.

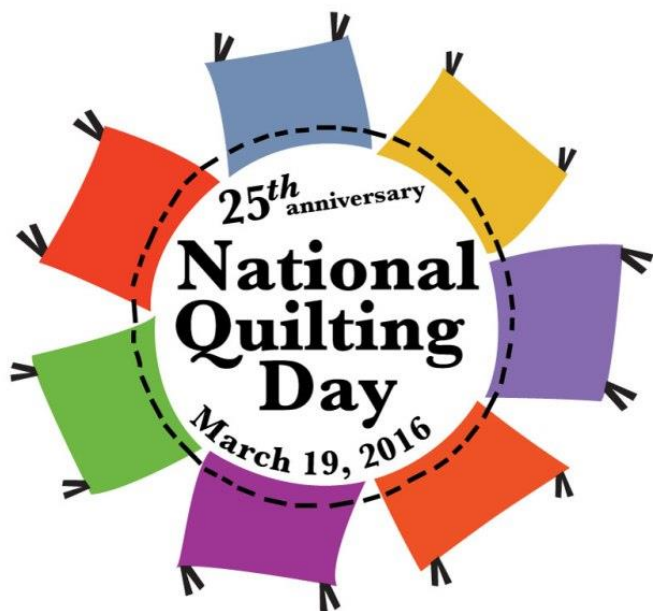
## MARCH MEETING FEATURES

### "OUR SPECIAL QUILTS"

The program on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, will be an "Our Special Quilts" night. We're asking members to bring a quilt to share with the other members which is special to the member. The quilt could be a quilt you made for a special someone or a special event or a quilt which makes you especially proud...think about the first quilt you made or a very challenging quilt or a quilt which won an award or a quilt in the making for a long period of time.

Some of the special quilts that come to mind immediately are first quilts, wedding quilts, baby quilts, graduation quilts, etc. I'm also thinking of the "anniversary" quilt Carolyn Kittell recently posted on the FCQG facebook page. I plan to bring a quilt which I made for my nephew's wedding and which won awards at VQG and A Quilter's Gathering.

Letting everyone know in advance might allow enough time to "borrow" one of those "special quilts" (if need be) to bring to the meeting. Be prepared to show your "special quilt" and share the "special" story behind the quilt...we all love to see our quilts and hear those stories.



### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 2016 NATIONAL QUILTING DAY?

This year, National Quilting Day, which falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March, will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. It happens to fall on the second weekend of the Vermont Shop Hop.

Here are some ideas to commemorate the day:

- Make it a service day and work on a quilt for your favorite cause – national projects such as ABC Quilts and Project Linus, or local projects.
- Organize an exhibit for your local library or historical society. Exhibit quilts, tools, books, etc. Donate books to the library.
- Make arrangements with your local library, historical society, quilt shop, or other public space to demonstrate how to make and attach simple quilt labels. Provide printed instructions and encourage everyone to label all their quilts and value them as family and community history.
- Contact a local senior citizens group or facility and organize show and tell of their quilts and yours. Or sponsor a sewing day to make lap quilts for seniors. Turn it into an oral history project to gather quilters' stories from your community. You will be amazed at what you learn.
- Organize a stitch-in, banquet, workshop, lecture, retreat, bus trip or eve a shop hop. Coordinate a fabric or block exchange or challenge for your chapter.



Diane	Comeau	March	8
Chris	Jessiman	March	8
Helen	Short	March	18
Nancy	Orcutt	March	19
Cleone	Pigeon	March	24
Diane	Forey	March	27
Christy	Mulyca	March	29

*...and many more!!!*

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2016****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 16, 2016**

Opening Balance \$3,095.42

**Funds collected**

Raffle Ticket Sales	\$767.00
Returned Checks Replacement (2)	\$55.00
Food Shelf donations (+\$50 gift certificate)	\$204.13

*Total Funds Collected* \$1,026.13

*Sub-Total* \$4,121.55

**Funds paid out**

Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Mar	\$35.00
Regal Art Press, QS posters	\$306.03
Diane Forey, Raffle ticket postage	\$11.27
Gerda Thibault, Charity quilts batting	\$51.35
Alyce Bushey, 25th Birthday celebration balloons	\$13.90
Sharon Perry, 25th Birthday celebration food, prizes & postage	\$199.77
Bonnie Evans, 25th Birthday celebration flowers, plates & misc	\$84.04
CVQG, QS Poles rental	\$200.00
Rose Rixon, 25th Birthday celebration fabric	\$39.41
Cincinnati Ins Co, 2016 Annual insurance fees	\$334.00

*Total Funds Paid Out* \$1,274.77

2016 YTD Collections: \$1,611.13

**Grand Total** \$2,846.78

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



**VISIT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL ON THE GUILD'S WEBSITE AT**

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



**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



## QUILT SHOW: 25 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2016 Quilt Show is less than a month away, and planning continues behind the scenes. Quilt registration has ended and Kay Benedict reports 71 quilts were registered by the deadline. Despite the reduced number of contest quilts, there will still be over 100 quilts on display when you count the guild's charity quilt display and all the quilts the vendors will have hanging in their booths. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** needs more 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 as a prize for the raffle. If you have any fat quarters, please give them to Gwen Guyette at the meeting. And we need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc. If you have any door prize donations, please give them to Diane Kane or Nancy LaPointe.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Diane Forey 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. She needs all the tickets returned by the March meeting.

- **We need volunteers!!!** Bonnie Evans still has a few jobs for which she needs volunteers. Touch base with Bonnie at the March meeting to see where you might be able to help.

*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.*

## A BIG THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!

The following businesses and people donated goods and services to help make our 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration spectacular. Please keep their generosity in mind when you visit their shops or have an opportunity to buy their products.

A Quilter's Garden	Montpelier	VT	a gift certificate
Barry Callebaut USA LLC	St. Albans	VT	3 packages of bulk chocolate
ByAnnie.com	Saint George	UT	25 patterns including Soft and Stable
Cheryl Ann's Design Wall LLC	Hughson	CA	a \$25 gift certificate
Colonial Needle	White Plains	NY	2 rotary blade sharpeners and 2 packages of Presencia thread
Country Heirlooms	Louisa	VA	4 original appliqué patterns
Country Thyme Vermont	Derby	VT	Schmetz needles with SCHMETZ ABC Pocket Guides for each guild member
Countryside Fabrics	Newport	VT	2 gift certificates
Fabri-Quilt	North Kansas City	MO	8 packages of 5-inch squares
Farmland Quilting & Embroidery	Greenville	IL	3 foundation-pieced, original patterns
Flynn Quilt Frame Company	Billings	MT	Pinwheel Pre-cut Quilt Kit
Fons & Porter	Winterset	IA	a 1-year subscription to "Love of Quilting" magazine
Hannaford	St. Albans	VT	two \$25 gift cards
Harriet's Treadle Arts	Wheat Ridge	CO	3 <u>Springtime in the Rockies</u> books
Hobbs Bonded Fibers	Waco	TX	2 crib-sized, cotton wool blend batting



**A BIG THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!! (cont.)**

June Tailor	Richfield	WI	June Tailor's Charming Circles Ruler
Keepsake Quilting	Center Harbor	NH	4 patterns
Legacy Patterns	Rose Hill	KS	3 original quilt patterns
Lisa Torres	Berlin	VT	gift certificate
Log Cabin Fabrics	Selkirk	NY	12 fat quarters of Kim Diehl's Butter Churn fabric line
MagEyes	Kerrville	TX	2 MagEyes hands-free magnifiers and 20 \$5-off coupons
Nancy's Notions	Beaver Dam	WI	a \$10 gift certificate
Northcott	Lyndhurst	NJ	a Toscana fabric bundle and 2 packages of Stonehenge Stone Strips
Norton House	Wilmington	VT	\$25 gift certificate
Odds & Ends	Benton	KY	2 packages of 200 fabric squares
PRO Chemical & Dye	Fall River	MA	a gift certificate
Prym Consumer USA	Spartanburg	SC	a package of paper-piecing hexagons, a directional arrow pin assortment, a pair of chenille and appliqué scissors, and an Omnigrip 5-inch ruler
Quilters Dream Batting	Virginia Beach	VA	5 crib-sized and 1 throw-sized battings, 5 packages cotton stuffing, and lots of batting samples
Quilting With Color	Williston	VT	25%-off coupon for every member
Redex Industries Inc	Salem	OH	box of Udderly Smooth samples, 2 tubes of Udderly Smooth hand cream, a jar of Udderly Smooth body cream, and a jar of Udderly Smooth foot cream
Reliable Corporation	Toronto ON	Canada	a home ironing station
Robert Kaufman Fabrics	Los Angeles	CA	2 Roll-Ups, 58 pounds of fabric for charity quilts and 90 fat quarters for birthday gift bags
Sew Many Creations	Slingerlands	NY	4 Diva Wallet frames, 7 patterns, and Noteworthy pattern book
Sewin' Love Fabric Shoppe	Lyndonville	VT	a gift certificate, 7 patterns, 4 Mini-Charms packs, 2 Charm packs and a Jelly Roll of batiks
Shabby Fabrics	Coeur d'Alene	ID	3 original quilt patterns
Smitty's Sewing Machine Services	Essex Junction	VT	gift certificates
Sue Pelland Designs	Upton	MA	95 patterns and a Hearts and More ruler template
Superior	St George	UT	ten \$25 gift certificates
Surgeon's Skin Secret	Grand Rapids	MI	gift set
The Electric Quilt Company	Bowling Green	OH	2 CDs of quilting designs

**A BIG THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!! (cont.)**

The Warm Company	Lynnwood	WA	a full-size batting and 2 packages of Lite Steam-A-Seam2
Timeless Treasures Fabrics	New York	NY	5 fat quarter bundles
Traditions at the White Swan	Hagerstown	MD	2 quilt kits
Windham Fabrics/Baum Textiles	Jersey City	NJ	2 packages with 9 fat quarters each and 1 package with 24 fat quarters
Yankee Pride Quilts	Essex Junction	VT	a Kim Diehl quilt kit
YLI Corporation	Rock Hill	SC	a gift certificate for 4 spools of YLI thread

**Rules and form for the 2015 - 2016 UFO (Unfinished Object) Challenge can be found at <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcggufochallenge.pdf>**

**SIGN-UPS FOR PAT PAULY WORKSHOPS TO CONTINUE AT MARCH MEETING**

**(You can read the write-up about Pat Pauly on page 7 of the February 2016 Sugarhouse Gazette.)**

Sharon Perry and Rose Rixon will continue the sign-ups for the workshops at the March meeting. There are plenty of slots available in both workshops. Each workshop costs \$35, payable in cash or check, at the time of sign-up.



**The Big Leaf on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**



**The Skinny Leaf on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**GUILD GARAGE SALE AT MAY MEETING**

As a heads-up, the program for the May guild meeting, on May 18<sup>th</sup>, will be a garage sale for all guild members. This sale will provide an opportunity for members to sell (or purchase) gently used quilting-related items no longer needed by the owner.

Any member can reserve a table to sell items. Rose and Sharon will have a registration sheet at the March and April meetings for those who want a table or two. We need to know who needs a table so we have enough set up for the Garage Sale. If you don't want to have a sale table or you're a "newbie" quilter in need of quilting supplies, there are sure to be lots of bargains so bring some cash or checks to shop at the Guild's Garage Sale in May.

**DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...**

1. **\$35 cash or check (payable to FCQG) to register for each Pat Pauly workshop**
2. **7 1/2" x WOF strips in dusty blues and greens for the 2017 Charity Quilt**
3. **"Your Special Quilts" for the guild's "Our Special Quilts" Show and Tell**
4. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
5. Completed Charity Quilts
6. Items for Show and Tell