

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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◆◆ President's Piece ◆◆

Jessica VanDenburgh was a dynamic speaker. It was a treat to hear her and see the bags, wallets and quilts she has designed. Her workshop presentations were equally entertaining. It was a treat for our guild to be able to engage a presenter the caliber of Jessica. I predict that soon she will be booking two years in advance like other highly respected presenters as Bonnie Hunter, Joan Ford and Jenny Doan to name a few.

Our program for March will be a panel of long arm quilters who have been charged with presenting tips for constructing our quilt tops and what to look for when purchasing batting and backing fabric. I've wondered for a long time how my quilt tops measure up to acceptable standards. One long-armed I've used says 'they do not quilt and tell', but I'd like to know how I can improve my craft so I am looking forward to this program. There may be an extra door prize in March as well; it's in the plans at this time.

As a result of Show and Tell completely falling apart in February because people, including myself, were in line to purchase supplies from Jessica for the weekend workshops and because of ongoing complaints I have heard from members about people leaving the meeting before and during Show and Tell, it will be held before the program portion of the meeting. Door prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the program, before the meeting is adjourned. Our members have worked hard on the items they show during Show and a Tell and deserve a respectful audience.

Our March meeting will be on 15th. Doors will open at 6 pm so members can socialize with each other. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Members are reminded there will be a drawing at the December 2017 meeting for a gift bag of quilt-related items. To be eligible for this drawing your name will be entered for each Charity Quilt you complete for a quilt related charity during 2017.

I also ask members to considering running for an office to be served from September 2017-June 2018. It takes many people with good ideas to make our guild successful. When the same people take leadership roles, they become stale. I am a firm believer that leadership has to change on a regular basis in order to keep an organization, or government, fresh. Therefore this is my last year as serving as your president and I will join Bonnie Evans in the nominating team.

A problem that needs to be solved is how to communicate with guild members. There are concerns that Facebook is not a good way as some members don't have Facebook. The guild's email account is cumbersome to use and needs updating so only active members names are in the address book. Our website has a lot of information but it also requires someone to put the information on it on a monthly basis. If you are interested on serving on a 'Communication Committee' to help work on solutions, please let me or other officers know.

Helen Short, 2016 – 2017 President

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social

October 19th Christmas in October

November 18th Busting the Myths –
Quilt History Truths
with Pam Weeks (6:30 pm start!!!)

November 19th Strips & Bits Workshop
with Pam Weeks

November 20th Quilt-As-You-Go
Workshop with Pam Weeks

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

December 21st Holiday Potluck

January 18th Trunk Show
with Denise Chase

February 17th Trunk Show
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15th Lessons Learned
from a Long-Armer (Panel)
Quilt Show Prep
(Doors open 6:00 pm; mtg at 6:30 pm)

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st & 2nd Quilt Show

April 19th New Tips & Tricks Trunk
Show with Sunny Laurel Sisters

May 17th Members' Garage Sale

June 21st Potluck & Teacup Auction

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of February 17, 2017

TO BE PROVIDED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER

(Teri Brunelle, the guild's secretary is trying to reconstruct the minutes from the February meeting. If you have any notes from the February meeting, please let Teri know so that she can pull together some minutes for the February meeting. Once reconstructed, the February minutes will be published in a future newsletter...hopefully next month's edition.)

Memories

by Patricia Everson

Sit down and I'll tell you a story
Wrap yourself up in my quilt.
Here's a cup of my coffee
The wood stove is filled to the hilt.
Quilting is more than a hobby.
To me it is a record of life,
Recording for me all the good times,
Remembering for me all the strife.
This patch was made from a bunting.
The baby had now moved away.
And this one came from my sister,
From a dress that was yellow and grey.
Below this one from my brother
Is one from my aunt who just died.
If you look close you can cipher
Her signature on the left side.
And here over next to the corner
Is a piece from my mother's old skirt.
And this one right in the middle
Was made from my father's red shirt.
This one came out a bit crooked.
The material was faded and worn.
No wonder it looks so dejected,
It was woven before I was born.
Beneath this one at the bottom
Is one that is worth more than gold.
It came from my old winter jacket,
It kept me safe from the cold.
This blue one I found in the cellar
When we moved to this house long ago.
Who knows what story it covets,
This old, faded, worn calico.

Above the green one in the center
Is my most favorite one of all.
It looks like the leaves by the river
Just after they drop in the fall.

And let's not forget this pink gingham,
I know that it's seen better days,
But I like the way that it mingles
With the yellows and purples and greys.

Before you finish your coffee
And you have to be on your way,
Take a look at this one near the bottom,
It came from my Great Uncle Ray.

He traveled the world in a schooner,
He brought back such wonderful things.

The material is of the richest,
Fit only for princes and kings.

Some store their treasures in bank vaults,
Some keep them hidden away,
But I keep mine here on my quilt top
Where I can enjoy them each day.



Diane	Comeau	March	8
Chris	Jessiman	March	8
Helen	Short	March	18
Nancy	Orcutt	March	19
Cleone	Pigeon	March	24
Diane	Forey	March	27
Linda	Rouse-Turner	March	28
Christy	Mulyca	March	29



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 15, 2017**

Opening Balance		\$2,287.90
Funds collected		
Membership	\$15.00	
KLA-Tencor Foundation, donation	\$750.00	
Bridge pattern	\$75.00	
Jessica VanDenburgh's workshops	\$745.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$1,585.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$3,872.90
Funds paid out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Mar	\$35.00	
Acadia Insurance, Premium for 2017	\$300.00	
Beverly Cook, Charity Quilt custom quilting	\$249.83	
Sharon Perry, Postage to mail Bridge pattern	\$6.50	
Jessica VanDenburgh, Trunk show & 2 workshops	\$940.00	
Helen Short, Meeting agenda copies	\$6.36	
Gerda Thibault, Batting	\$75.36	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$1,613.05
	Grand Total	\$2,259.85

2017 YTD Collections: \$2089.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

GUILD WEBSITE HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. The barn quilt trail can be found here:

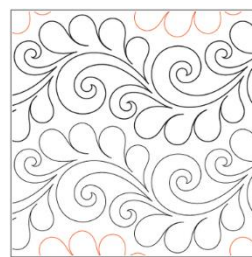
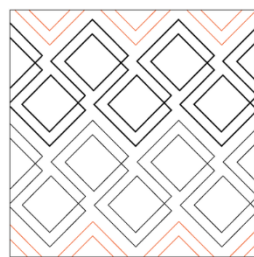
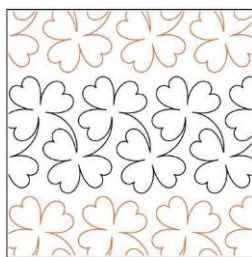
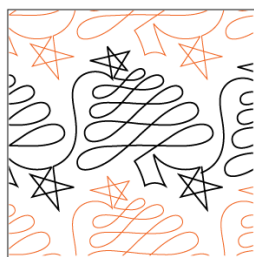
<http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>

2017 Vermont Shop Hop: March 17th - March 26th

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017

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



LESSONS LEARNED FROM A LONG-ARMER AT MARCH MEETING (AKA INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW)

A panel of 5 long-arm quilters, who are also guild members, will be discussing tips and techniques for preparing your quilts for a professional long-arm quilter at the March meeting. Panel members are: Bev Cook; Rita Dean; Sally Krupp; Nancy LaPointe; and Margaret Miller.

So...bring your questions for the panel and find out how you can ensure you'll be happy with the end product when you pick your quilt up from the long-armer.

2017 VERMONT SHOP HOP



The 2017 Vermont Shop Hop will be held from March 17th through March 26th. There are 13 quilt shops throughout Vermont participating in this year's shop hop. The participating shops will be open 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Friday, March 17th through Saturday, March 25th. On the last day of the shop hop, Sunday, March 26th, the shop hours will be 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Shop-hoppers must purchase a passport for \$7, plus tax, at any of the 13 participating shops. The first 1,000 Hoppers will receive a 10-pack of Wonder Clips when they purchase their passports.

Hoppers must have their passport booklets stamped at all 13 participating shops during the Shop Hop to be eligible to win the Grand prize and the 2nd and 3rd prizes. Participants with at least seven stamps on their passport are entered in drawings that begin with the 4th prize. Only participants who visit all shops are eligible for all prizes. The back cover of the passport booklet has to be turned in at one of the shops before 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 26th, to be eligible for the prize drawings.

Enjoy the unique look and inventory of each store and discover new patterns, ideas, fabrics, books, and other gifts. Collect a free project pattern and enter a door prize drawing at each shop along your route. Exclusive Shop Hop 2017 fabrics from Hoffman Fabrics are available at each quilt shop.

Each shop offers a coupon that is valid during the Shop Hop. The total value of these coupons far exceeds the cost of the passport.

SPECIAL DRAWING AT END OF MARCH MEETING AND PROGRAM

In addition to the regular Door Prize drawing, there will be a special drawing at the conclusion of the March meeting and program. There will be a separate basket for entering the drawing, and ALL members in attendance can enter their names. However, you must still be present to win the prize for this special drawing.



MARCH 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: FRIENDSHIP STAR

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Colors for the block are as shown in the block pictured at left
If you have any questions, call Dale McFeeters, 524-3616.

Click the link below for the Friendship Star block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendshipStarBlock_Page2.html

QUILT SHOW: 25 DAYS AND COUNTING



The 2017 Quilt Show is less than 1 month away, and planning continues behind the scenes. Kay Benedict reported that City Hall will be filled with lots of color and lots of quilt entries...104 to be exact. Continue reading to see how you can help.

- **We need strong, young women or men!!!** We need people to help with the pick-up and unloading (on Friday) and loading and return (on Sunday) of the quilt poles. We'll take husbands, daughters/sons, grand-daughters/grand-sons or sisters/brothers to help move the poles. This is a great way for high schoolers to earn some community service hours!

- We need donations!!!

- The **Teacup Auction** still needs 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. Kris Kilburn is accepting the FQ donations.
- We need donations for the **door prize**...tea, lotions, coffee, maple syrup, etc. Carol Mahoney will be collecting door prize donations at the March meeting.

- **We need your raffle tickets!!!** Penny LaRochelle 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 needs all members to return their tickets and money no later than the March meeting; Diane Kane will be collecting the tickets at the March meeting for Penny. Penny needs to account for all the pre-show sales and properly credit the returned tickets prior to the quilt show. As a reminder, each member is required to sell (or buy) two books of raffle tickets to remain a member in good standing.

- **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.

- **Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. 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.

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.



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

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

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

As a heads-up, the program for the May guild meeting, on May 17th, will be a garage sale for all guild members. Last year's garage sale was such a H-U-G-E success, members voted to have another garage sale this May. This sale will provide an opportunity for members to sell (or purchase) gently used quilting-related items no longer needed by the owner.

If your spring cleaning includes organizing your quilting room, be sure to set aside those gently-used quilting items for the garage sale. As they say, "One quilter's 'trash' is another quilter's treasure."

RECIPE CORNER: CURRIED EGG AND ARTICHOKE DIP

6 eggs, hard-boiled

1 16-oz. can artichoke hearts

¼ cup mayonnaise

½ cup sour cream

Salt and pepper to taste

Curry powder to taste

Peel and chop the eggs. Drain and chop the artichoke hearts. Combine the eggs and artichokes into a very coarse spread. Mix together mayonnaise, sour cream, salt, pepper, and curry powder; add to the eggs and artichokes.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Donations for the Teacup Auction, Door Prize, and FQ Basket**
2. **Raffle tickets and money**
3. **Your questions for the panel of long-armers**
4. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
5. Completed Charity Quilts
6. Items for Show and Tell