

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont

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#### President's Piece

What a wonderful trunk show by Sharon Perry! I was drawn into Sharon's display of beautiful quilts and loved how she wove her family into the storyline, concluding with the bubble gum pink quilt from her childhood! Thank you, Sharon!

It's beginning to look a lot like Quilt Show season! We will be hosting our 20<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show this year at St. Albans City Hall on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The volunteer list will be posted on our website prior to the show so that you can look up the time slot that you volunteered for (and to remind yourself if you offered to bring food to share for our hungry volunteers)!

Each year, the FCQG donates a Charity Quilt to a non-profit in Franklin or Grand Isle county. The guild is now accepting nominations of local charities interested in receiving the 2019 Charity Quilt. Organizations will need to send a letter to FCQG indicating how their group helps citizens of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Please let me know if there is a charity you think would benefit from the quilt in support of their fund-raising efforts. (And thank you to the members of northwest Vermont's S&B Sewing Group for offering to make the 2019 Charily Quilt!)

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta has requested donations of twin-size or smaller quilts for their campers. The summer camp is for children ages 7-17 years old that have or have had cancer. Each camper receives a new quilt on their bed, which they get to bring home. As of the February meeting, two quilts had been donated. By the beginning of May, we are looking for a commitment of up to 20 quilts. If you have a quilt to donate, please contact Cindy Metayer. Quilts will be delivered by July.

When I attended the Vermont Quilt Festival last summer, I remember looking up in the lobby at quilts displayed by the Vermont Modern Quilt Guild (VTMQG) and enjoying the colorful exhibition. At our March meeting on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, members of the VTMQG will present a slide and trunk show. Doors open at 6:00 PM, with a start time of 6:30 PM. Please come and share in conversation and enjoy an evening out with fellow quilters!

Regards,  
Diane Kane, 2017-2018 President

#### 2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

September 20<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

October 18<sup>th</sup> "Stitching Together  
a Writer's Life"  
with Sonja Hakala, Author/Quilter

November 15<sup>th</sup> French Rose Quilt  
with Rose Rixon

December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck, Gift  
Exchange and Food Shelf Donations  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

#### 2017 – 2018 Guild Calendar

January 19<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Anne Standish

January 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Anne Standish  
"From Photo to Wall Hanging"

February 21<sup>st</sup> Trunk Show  
with Sharon Perry

March 21<sup>st</sup> Slide & Trunk Show  
with Vermont Modern  
Quilt Guild

#### 2017 -2018 Guild Calendar

April 6<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt Show

April 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Kay Benedict

May 16<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 20<sup>th</sup> Potluck &  
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

## FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

### Minutes of February 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Diane Kane, President. Members Present: 31; 2 New Members, Deborah Dolby and Christy Hamel; 2 guests.

#### Secretary's Report –

Minutes for the January 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon Perry, second by Rose Rixon. Motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Report

Report for January 2017 meeting. Motion to accept report was made by Helen Short, second by Dale McFeeters. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports

Programs: Kris Kilburn reported there was insufficient interest to fill classes for workshops by Sarah Ann Smith on March 24 and 25. For our March presentation, representatives from Vermont Modern Quilt Guild will present a slide and trunk show. **The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21.**

Membership News: Helen Short reported FCQG booklets are available for members. Any new members will receive hand-printed name tags for this year.

2018 Charity Quilt: This quilt top is complete and will be quilted and shown at the March meeting. The quilt will be presented to the Jim Bashaw Cancer and Catastrophic Illness Fund in May.

#### 2019 Charity Quilt

- The guild is looking for nominations of local charities interested in receiving the 2019 Charity Quilt. Charities will be sent solicitation of interest letters.
- Denise Chase and the S&B Satellite Group have volunteered to make the 2019 Charity Quilt. The group will select a pattern of their choice.

#### Quilt Show

- Nanc Ekiert announced the guild was still in need of a volunteer to coordinate demonstrations.
- Sandra Palmer, a certified quilt appraiser, will offer her services at \$45 for each quilt. There will be a sign up for those interested.
- Bonnie Evans passed around a signup sheet with time slots for volunteers at the quilt show.
- Kay Benedict shared that thus far she has 24 bed quilts, 17 lap/crib quilts, 12 wall hangings and 4 small or miniature quilts, and 17 challenge quilts registered for a total of 74 quilts. She received an additional 10 entries at this meeting. Reminder all quilts need a sleeve with the exception of table runners or quilts smaller than 24 x 24.
- There will be an additional 11 quilts completed by Ann Jacobs on special display at the show. There will be a new ribbon category this year, Ann's Choice Award. The family of Ann Jacobs will be asked to select one quilt to receive this purple ribbon honor.

- Helen Short provided posters and cards to publicize the Quilt Show. The quilt show is also announced on the St. Albans City Downtown page and Facebook. The Vermont Welcome Center on I-89 will host a kiosk to announce the show.
- Penny LaRoche announced \$702 has been received from raffle ticket sales. Kris Kilburn asks that donations of additional nonperishable items for the raffle "Breakfast Basket" and fat quarters for an additional raffle basket be brought to the March meeting and given to Nadine Froebel. Gwen Guyette requested additional donations for the teacup auction.
- Motion to not have a door prize at the Quilt Show, motion was made by Nancy LaPointe, second by Nanc Ekiert. Motion passed.

Project: Helen Short presented the February BOM, Brassstown Star, available at Quilter's Cache.

Charity Quilts: Denise Chase has kits for Laurie's House which assists battered women and children in our area. Alyce Bushey brought kits for Home Health, and Alice Perrino provided kits for duffle bags.

#### Other Business

- Sharon Perry indicated there will be a drawing by March 1 for the "free" ticket to the Ricki Tim's Quilt Luminarium. Those to be entered in the drawing will be quilt show volunteers, raffle ticket sellers, teacup and charity quilt donors, and all paid members.
- Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans represented the guild at the Arts Festival at City Hall and sold \$64 of raffle tickets. This was a good publicity effort for the guild and upcoming Quilt Show.
- Guild members agreed with Kris Kilburn's recommendation to accept donations of wall quilts from Global Foundries.
- Gerald Perry, COTR custodian, donated two boxes of material to be used for charity quilts.
- A thank you note was received from the Franklin County Bags of Love group. Adrienne Perrino shared that 194 Bags of Love have been provided to many overjoyed foster children. The group sent their heartfelt thanks for the many contributions our guild members have provided to this effort.
- Helen Short suggested the guild consider providing honorary or life time membership to founders of the guild; topic to be discussed at a future meeting.

#### Drawings:

Block of the Month winner: Christy Hamel

Door Prize winner: Nancy LaPointe

Charity Quilt winner: Deborah Dolby

Motion to adjourn by Helen Short, second by Carol Stanley. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cindy Metayer, Secretary



Diane	Comeau	March	8
Tori	Jessiman	March	8
Helen	Gingras-Calvin	March	16
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

*...and many more!!!*

### "MODERN" MARCH MEETING

Members of the Vermont Modern Quilt Guild (VTMQG) will be presenting "What is Modern?", a slide & trunk show accompanied by modern quilt examples, at the March meeting. There's more information about VTMQG at <http://vtmqg.com/>.

**PLEASE NOTE...the March meeting has been rescheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**



### QUILT TIPS

- Carefully press the seams in quilt blocks by lifting the iron and placing it down on each new area without moving the iron across the fabric to avoid stretching or distorting your fabric.
- If you are a new quilter take the time to learn good practices/techniques. Once you have the basics right, your skills will naturally develop.
- An oldie but goodie - for smoother sewing or pinning, run the needle through your hair to oil the metal a bit.

### GENEROUS DONATION FROM CHARTER MEMBER

Guild Librarian, Alice Rouleau, collected the remaining gift bags from Nancy Orcutt and has added those books to the guild's library. A BIG thank you goes out to Nancy for her very generous donation to each guild member and now to our library.

The following titles are now part of our permanent collection.

256 Fat Quarter Quilt Blocks  
 Easy Art of Applique, The  
 Blockbender Quilts  
 Come Berryring  
 Endless Possibilities  
 Fat Quarter Fancywork  
 From Basics to Binding  
 Hearts Aplenty  
 Miniature Baltimore Album Quilts  
 Miniature Medley  
 Miniature Quilts  
 More Celtic Quilting  
 More Needlepoint  
 from America's Great Quilt Designs  
 No Ordinary Cats  
 Quilter's Kitchen, The  
 Quilts for Mantels and More  
 Reel Reels On, The  
 Stir Crazy  
 Summer Weekend  
 Susan McCord  
 Warm Hearts  
 Yesterday's Charm

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2018****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 21, 2018**

Opening Balance		\$3,752.27
Funds collected		
Vendors	\$150.00	
Membership	\$60.00	
QS Raffle tickets	\$496.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$706.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$4,458.27
Funds Paid Out		
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for March	\$35.00	
Nanc Ekiert, QS Hodges Badge Co	\$245.00	
CVQG, QS Pole rental	\$250.00	
City of St. Albans, QS City Hall rental (3 days)	\$540.00	
Alyce Bushey, Charity quilt batting	\$42.78	
Diane Kane, Program agenda	\$4.50	
Acadia Ins, Premium 2017-2018	\$300.00	
Digital Media Prod, QS Posters	\$15.00	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$1,432.28
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,025.99</b>

2018 YTD Collections: \$1,241.00

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>



**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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 NEWS...22 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2018 Quilt Show, the guild's 20<sup>th</sup> show, is just about 3 weeks away, and planning continues behind the scenes. 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 community service hours!

**- We need volunteers!** Bonnie Evans will have the volunteer sign-up sheet at the March meeting. There are still some empty slots available. *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.*

**- We need donations!!!** The **Teacup Auction** 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 and **non-perishable brunch food** for the food basket as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the raffle. Nadine Froebel will be collecting the raffle items for Kris Kilburn.

**- 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 wants to be sure to properly credit the returned tickets. 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 someone to coordinate show demonstrations!!!** We usually have demonstrations during the show, some by the vendors and some by guild members. We need a volunteer to arrange the demos and make up a schedule. There are always lots of people willing to do a demo; we just need someone to oversee this aspect of the show. Might you be able to help the guild out?

**- Don't forget to schedule an appointment for a quilt appraisal!!!** Sandra Palmer will be doing appraisals during the quilt show again this year. These appraisals are useful if a quilt is ever damaged or lost.



## RICKY TIMS IS COMING TO VERMONT

Ricky Tims, a nationally-known quilter and musician, will be presenting his seminar called Quilt Luminarium in Burlington on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a comprehensive quilt symposium that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the ever-elusive muse of creativity.

Quilt Luminarium will expand your quilting toolbox. The methods and techniques that are presented are diverse. Not only do you learn a variety of uncommon and sometimes

unorthodox techniques, you will also learn which technique is the most appropriate to use in any given situation. Ricky covers a variety of piecing, appliqué, design, quilting, and finishing techniques. You'll learn about color, fabric selection, and design. You'll learn how to take traditional patterns and make them uniquely yours and you'll discover how a pattern can work for any quilting genre.

For more information, visit <https://www.rickytims.com/quilt-luminarium>.



*March...in like a lion, out like a lamb...*







## MARCH 2018 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: BRASSTOWN STAR

Pattern from [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com)

**Use your fabrics for the block(s) you will make and keep**

If you have any questions, call Helen Short, 752-8019.

**Click the link below for the Envelope Motif block pattern**

<http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BrasstownStarBlock.html>

**Be sure to continue to page 2 for the supplies at this link:**

[http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BrasstownStarBlock\\_Page2.html](http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BrasstownStarBlock_Page2.html)

## 2018 VERMONT SHOP HOP

The 2018 Vermont Shop Hop will be held from March 16<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 14 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 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. On the last day of the shop hop, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 kit to make an 8'x 10½" stained-glass quilt block or wall hanging.



Hoppers must have their passport booklets stamped at all 14 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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.

## 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://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](http://www.countrycrossroadsquilters.com/quilt_sleeve_instructions.pdf)

Spring

*is on its way...but first...  
a break for Mud Season*



## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

As a heads-up, the program for the May guild meeting, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, will be a garage sale for all guild members. The garage sale the last couple years has been 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."

### **Don't forget to bring to the March meeting:**

- *Sold Raffle tickets and raffle money*
- *Fat quarter, Teacup Auction, & food basket donations*
- *Items for Show & Tell (to include BOM) and UFO Challenge*