

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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2020 Charity Quilt

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John is traveling and will be back for the March meeting...hopefully...

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start! Doors open at 5:30 pm)

October 18th Beyond Fabulous: Rotary
Cut Appliqué with Sue Pelland

October 19th Hearts and More
Workshop with Sue Pelland

November 20th Intro to Art Quilts:
Art Possibilities with
Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert

November 23rd Ornament Workshop

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

December 18th Holiday Potluck Party
(6:00 pm start!!!)

January 15th Project Linus
with Joyce Irvine

February 19th Cathedral Windows
with Denise Chase

March 18th Batik with Amanda Bates
(Sign in at 6:30 pm; mtg starts at 7:00 pm)

April 3rd Quilt Show Set-Up

April 4th – 5th Quilt Show

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

April 17th Quilt Restoration
with Stephanie McCall

April 18th Make Your Own Pattern
with Stephanie McCall

May 20th Trunk Show
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

May 23rd Workshop
with Diane Comeau & Cathy Rayes

June 17th Potluck & Teacup Auction
(6:00 pm start!!!)

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of February 19, 2020

Members present: 39 out of 66 paid members were present and one guest.

Consent Agenda: Passed on a voice vote with no corrections on a motion by Mary Jane Marchelewicz, seconded by Sharon Perry.

Quilt Show:

- Teacup Auction: Gwen Guyette is collecting items for the **Tea Cup Auction** and needs a volunteer to assist on both days of the show.

- Publicity: Sandy Maynard announced that the publicity is out. Members took posters to be displayed around the area.

- Quilt Display: Kay Benedict announced that before she came to the meeting she had received 50 entries for the show. Many members gave her registration forms when she arrived at the meeting and it looks like there will be as many quilts as there were last year displayed at the Show. Next month she will have printed signs for the quilts for members to review and plastic bags for the quilts to be brought in to City Hall on Friday, April 3rd, between 12:00 Noon and 2:00 pm. **ALL QUILTS MUST HAVE SLEEVES** attached to them. Links to instructions on how to make and attach a sleeve were in the February Newsletter.

- Set Up: Pole set up will start about noon on the 3rd.

- Quilt Appraisals: Sandra Palmer will be doing quilt appraisals on Saturday, April 4th. Nancy LaPointe is scheduling the appointments; the fee is \$60 per quilt.

- Raffle: Raffle tickets were passed out. Each member must sell a minimum of 2 books of tickets. Fat Quarters and brunch type food donations are needed for the 2nd and 3rd raffle prizes. Kris Kilburn is collecting donations for the raffle prizes.

Comfort Quilts: Denise Chase reported that she has recently taken 11 to Home Health. There is a need for twin, lap and baby sized quilts for Home Health patients.

Block of the Month: This month's was won by Sue McGregor. March's block is ***Friends Star*** found on Quilters Cache to be made in white, dark and light pink fabrics. It doesn't matter where you place the pinks. If you don't want to use the template provided, a scant 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch square will work.

Newsletter: The Mystery Word was *carburetor*. Penny LaRochelle was the first member to find it.

The Mystery Word will appear in the newsletter and will have nothing to do with quilting or make sense in the newsletter.

April Program: Stephanie McCall on quilt restoration will consult with up to 8 people for the fee of \$8. Her Saturday workshop will be on making your own quilt pattern and the fee will be \$30. Your payment will reserve your seat in the class.

Program: This month's program was an excellent presentation by Denise Chase on Cathedral Window quilts.

Drawing: The membership drawing was won by??

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Short, Secretary

Happy St. Patty's Day



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MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

Unless otherwise noted, the monthly guild meeting will follow the following format.

6:30 pm	Sign in at membership table Sign up for BOM raffle if you made a block Sign up for monthly drawing
7:00 pm	Business Meeting Show and Tell Short Break as appropriate Program for the evening





THERE'S STILL TIME TO join in the fun and make 20 quilted projects by the end of 2020 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 20 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 20 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have **20 Finishes in 2020** AND you must show each project during one of the guild's monthly show and tell...a picture will NOT suffice! You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have **20 Finishes in 2020!** Kris Bachand will collect the lists and check off each project when it is revealed at show and tell.

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*If you're lucky enough to be Irish,
you're lucky enough!
~Irish saying*

MARCH PROGRAM

Our presenter for March is Amanda Bates, an art teacher at the St. Albans Town Ed Center. She will be sharing a batik technique with us. I'm excited to learn to make batik fabric myself. See you then.

APRIL MEETING TO FEATURE QUILT RESTORATION EXPERT

On Friday night, April 17th, Stephanie McCall will present a trunk show and discuss quilt restoration during her presentation. Stephanie will do 5 to 8 consults on our vintage quilts before or after the meeting on Friday. Sign up at the March meeting for a 15-minute consult for \$8.00 and for the workshop on Saturday. Cash or check for Friday consults should be made out to "Quilts By Commission."

On Saturday, April 18th, Stephanie will present "Make your own Pattern" lecture and workshop. Quilters will be able to set up at 8:30 am; the workshop starts at 9:00 am and will end at 3:00 pm (with a 30-minute lunch). The workshop requires a minimum of 8 people and a cap at 15 people. The cost of the workshop is \$30 payable at sign up. As a reminder, the workshop payment is non-refundable.

FROM THE EXPERT HERSELF

Make Your Own Pattern Workshop Supply List with Stephanie McCall: You're going to make something that no other person in your quilting guild will be making so your supply list will be different than everyone else.

You can choose to go to the fabric store and purchase all new fabric for this workshop or simply go to your stash and pick the collection of fabric that you have wanted to do something with for ages! Make sure to think about the size of the quilt-to-be, you can pick a small project or large, there is always time to finish it at home! You want to bring enough fabric with you so that you have a center section whether it be for blocks or a background for appliqué.

Do you want to bring enough for a backing, binding, facing or borders? In this case, more is better...you can always decide not to add a fabric as you work through the process. Scraps count! If you

need to bring in a garbage bag full of small scraps for your applique idea...then do it!

Next, I want you to think about your basic set-up at home. What are the tools that you use every day? Bring them!

Your basic retreat or workshop stuff that every quilter has to have...sewing machine and accessories, thread, pins, seam ripper, scissors, mat, chalk pencil, rotary cutter, iron, ironing pad, rulers...)

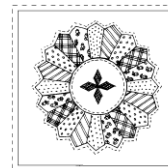
Is there a new ruler you want to try out? Is there a template that caught your eye? Do you have a panel that you want to cut up (you might want to bring clear plastic template material if you want to do this!). Do you want to work with interfacing? Be smart and think about the quilt you have been dreaming to design...

Think out of the box! Do you want to experiment with shapes you've never worked with? Try a block you saw in a picture? Do some research and bring in photos on your phone or printed out pictures from magazines or books that inspire you! We'll take it from there when we get together!

If you have embellishments like buttons, beads, charms, printed fabric photos or sequins bring them! They will help you with your design inspiration!

The workshop will have a slow start. You'll each get some time in the beginning to set up and I will come around to each of you to talk about the fabric and supplies you brought. Everyone is welcome to listen in while I do this. This will be our rough draft pattern idea time. Bring blank paper/graph paper and pencils, small rulers, and a calculator!

Once I meet with each student, we'll come together to talk about design and this is where the math comes in! Don't worry, we'll figure it out together! Then you'll have hours of uninterrupted time to create and finally make something of your very own! If you have questions about a design that you want to do for this workshop, but are unsure about the tools you may need, please feel free to email me at stephanie@stephaniemccallquilts.com and I'll help you get prepared!



SPIES AMONG US? VERY INTERESTING...

“Whether women knitted codes into fabric or used stereotypes of knitting women as a cover, there’s a history between knitting and espionage. ‘Spies have been known to work code messages into knitting, embroidery, hooked rugs, etc,’ according to the 1942 book *A Guide to Codes and Signals*. During wartime, where there were knitters, there were often spies; a pair of eyes, watching between the click of two needles.” ~Excerpt from *getpocket.com* article, *The Wartime Spies Who Used Knitting as an Espionage Tool*, by Natalie Zarelli.

You can read the entire article [here](#).



2020 Charity Quilt

(Organized by JeanAnne Branch and Carol Stanley in grays and scrappy squares)

Celebrate National Quilting Day!



Hosted through a partnership between
the Quilt Alliance & The National Quilt Museum.



MQX Quilt Festival – New England 2020
Thursday, April 16th, through
Saturday, April 18th, 2020

For more information, visit

<https://www.mqxshow.com/home/>

MARCH 2020

BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: FRIEND'S STAR



Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

If you have any questions,
call Helen Bicknell, 285-6741, or
Lucie Fortin, 782-8260.

Click the link below for the
Silver Lane pattern

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

Be sure to continue to pages 2 & 3 at these links:

http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendsStarBlock_Page2.html

http://www.quilterscache.com/F/FriendsStarBlock_Page3.html



2020 Raffle Quilt

(Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry)

Teaser for the Guild . . .

By Cathy Rayes

In your little sewing spot
Where your quilting dream is caught –
Can you find the thread you need
For your little sewing deed?
Is your bobbin filled with thread
For the creation in your head?
Are your cutters near your rulers
And your pins awaiting spoolers?

Is your little sewing spot
Where your quilting dream was caught –
Less than welcoming to you
Because the mess has made you blue?
Never fear – for we are here
We will help you clean this year
YOU – our friend should realize
We will help you organize . . .

CaDi Corners (Cathy Rayes & Diane Comeau)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2020**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 18, 2020**

Opening Balance		\$8,170.90	
Funds collected			
QS Raffle ticket sales	\$125.00		
QS Vendor (1)	\$50.00		
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$175.00	
		<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,345.90
Funds paid out			
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Mar	\$35.00		
April Walker, QS Publicity posters/folders	\$239.75		
Nancy LaPointe, QS St. Albans City Hall rental	\$540.00		
Nancy LaPointe, QS Rental of quilt poles	\$250.00		
April Walker, QS Publicity postage	\$50.60		
Denise Chase, QS Supplies for award ribbons	\$20.29		
Teri Brunelle, Holiday party misc plates/cups supplies	\$11.42		
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$1,147.06	
	Grand Total	\$7,198.84	
			<i>Comfort Quilt /</i>
			<i>Supplies</i>
			<i>Donations</i>
		<u>(\$158.09)</u>	
	Guild funds		
	available	<u>\$7,040.75</u>	

2020 YTD Collections: \$535.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

LINK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL

The Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail, previously found on the FCQG website, can now be accessed at <http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, March 25th, 2020

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



QUILT SHOW: 23 DAYS AND COUNTING

The 2020 Quilt Show is less than a month away, and the planning and preparations continue behind the scenes. As the event draws near, we depend on all guild members to ensure the quilt show is a huge success. Continue reading to see how you can help.

An embarrassment of riches is what Kay Benedict called it. There were so many quilts this year Kay had to limit everyone to 2 quilts per category for each member. A big THANK YOU to all who registered quilts. The City Hall Auditorium will be overflowing with color! I cannot wait to see the quilt display Kay creates this year. I know it will be stunning as always! **As a reminder, all quilts, including those in the Small/Miniature category, must have a sleeve sewn (not pinned) to the back. The sleeve must be at least 4" wide. Quilts must be dropped off on Friday, April 3rd, between Noon and 2 pm!**

- We need volunteers!!! Bonnie Evans started signing members up for the many volunteer positions at the January meeting. She is appreciative of all who have signed up already. There are still jobs from which to choose. **One area where we really need some help is picking the poles up on Friday and taking them back on Sunday.** Be sure to bring your calendar to the guild meeting and sign up for a time

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, check out these to see how.

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

<http://www.scvqaquilts.org/quilt/docs/quiltSleeve.pdf>

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

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

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Donations of Fat Quarters, Non-perishable Breakfast Food and Teacup Auction for quilt show**
2. **Completed 20 Finishes in 2020 entry form**
3. **\$30 cash, or check payable to FCOG, for April workshop**
4. Completed Charity Quilts
5. Items for Show and Tell



Vermont Shop Hop

Friday, March 20th, through Sunday, March 29th, 2020

For more information, visit <https://www.vermontshophop.com/>

that fits your schedule. If you cannot make the March meeting and would like to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Evans.

- We need donations!!! The **Teacup Auction** needs more items for the Teacup 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 and give your donation to Gwen Guyette. We also need **non-perishable breakfast food items** and **fat quarters** for 2nd and 3rd prizes for the raffle. If you have any breakfast food items or fat quarters, please bring them to the meeting too. Kris Kilburn will be collecting the food and FQs for the beautiful baskets she creates for 2 of the raffle prizes.

- We need your raffle tickets!!! Penny LaRochelle is the raffle ticket coordinator again this year. We're getting a late start on the sale of raffle tickets this year, but hopefully we'll get a good number of tickets sold before the quilt show. Penny 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 and money to the correct member and avoid spending time tracking down 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.