

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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2021 (formerly 2020) Raffle Quilt

Denise Chase

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2021 Charity Quilt

Helen Short

President's Piece

Dear Friends,

Well, we made it through the Ides of January and the Ides of February. And now we are approaching the Ides of March which, apparently signaled a Roman Religious Holiday and was the deadline for settling the previous year's debts. Perhaps it is no accident that the Ides of April is our tax deadline. What does this all mean? I have no Ide.

As I write to you the March sun is streaming into the living room, giving the Norfolk Island Pine plant a little time in the sun. It is looking pretty perky and I guess that its twice-yearly dose of sun is what keeps it going through the shady corner of the living room.

In January I began quilting again with a focus on lap size comfort quilts. I have also been integrating and arranging Alice's stash of fabric with mine. They are pretty well sorted by color in separate bins and the sight of them caused me to do a little math. Each lap quilt weighs (minus the batting) about 1 pound. I guess as a rough estimate that the fabric stash weighs, in total, about 164 pounds. If I make two quilts per month, (a reasonable goal) and I don't buy any more fabric (an entirely unreasonable assumption) I will not run out of fabric until the year 2028. A disorienting yet comforting thought.

Hoping your stash is well fed and healthy I am.

Sincerely yours,

John Rouleau, 2020-2021 President



2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

September 16th Ice Cream Social

October 21st Christmas in October
with Sharon Perry

November 18th Flying Colors
Trunk Show with Timna Tarr

November 21st Zoom Workshop
with Timna Tarr (sign up with Timna)

December 13th Zoom Open Sew Day

2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

December 16th Holiday Meeting

January 20th Making Batiks

January 24th Zoom Winter Blues Sew Day

February 17th Pajama Party
with Helen Short

February 21st Zoom Pajama Party Sew Day

**March 17th Trunk Show with
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180**

2020 – 2021 Guild Calendar

**ALL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON
ZOOM STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

**March 20th Zoom Workshop with
Michelle Renee Hiatt, Studio 180**

April Quilt Show Cancelled

April 21st Trunk Show with
Gudrun Erla, GE Designs

May 19th Quilt Restoration

Trunk Show with Stephanie McCall

June 16th 30th Anniversary Celebration
2021 Raffle Quilt Drawing

**Franklin County Quilters Guild
Monthly Guild Meeting Minutes
February 17th, 2021 via Zoom**

President John Rouleau called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. There were 32 members in 31 locations joining on Zoom. Two guests, Pam Cross and Anne Standish, our Zoombomber, also attended.

Consent Agenda: Passed on a motion from Sharon Perry, seconded by Denise Chase.

Chair Reports:

- **2022 Quilt Show:** It will be held on April 2nd and 3rd, 2022. Arrangements will be made to rent the St. Albans City Hall, and the Champlain Valley Quilters Guild will be contacted about renting their poles.
- **2021 Charity Quilt:** This item was tabled until the March meeting on a motion by Denise Chase seconded by Helen Short.
- **Program:** Natalie Good announced if members want take the virtual workshop with Michelle Renee Hiatt of Studio 180, on March 20th, they need to email Natalie by March 6th and send her a check made out to the FCQG for \$30.00. The March 17th meeting program will be a virtual Trunk Show by Michelle. The April 21st program will be a trunk show by Gudrun Erla of GE Designs. The May 19th program will be on Quilt Restoration by Stephanie McCall. The final program for the year on June 16th will be our 30th Anniversary Celebration and Raffle Quilt drawing.
- **Comfort Quilts:** Denise Chase announced that members are making and dropping of quilts and the need for comfort quilts remains high. Denise has kits available as well as fabric for members to use for Comfort quilts. Call Denise at 370-1104 to arrange a time to drop off quilts or pick up kits.
- **Other Business:**
 - **Pajama Party Sew Along** will be held on Sunday, February 21st, with quilt patterns to be sent out on the half hours to those present. A Grand Prize drawing will be held at the end for Bonnie Hunter's quilt pattern, *Forever Mine*, and a large stack of red and pink charm squares.
 - **Yo-Yo You're Sew Creative Challenge:** Members are challenged to make something with the 10 yo-yos they received in their Christmas gift bag from the guild. Members will take photos of their creations and send them to

Sharon Perry by June 6th. A local personality will judge the yo-yo creations and present a ribbon. A special drawing will be held for those participating in the challenge. Participants' names will be entered into the drawing based on the number of yo-yos used to make their item.

Zoombomber: Anne Standish of Vermont Art Quilts *Zoombombed* the meeting. She presented a *Pecha Kucha* style presentation of her quilt creations for 2020.

Evening's Program: Helen Short provided the program with her *Journey through Quilting*. She shared pictures of her early work and some lessons she had learned the hard way along the way. Helen introduced a quilt designed by Doug Leko of Antler Quilt Designs called *Mysterious* that has 6 possible layouts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Helen Short

**Ways To Celebrate National Quilting Day,
On March 20th, 2021**

- Attend the Periwinkle Swirl workshop with Michelle Renee Hiatt. **Sign up by March 6th!**
- Visit your local quilt shop!
- Proudly display a quilt outside your home.
- Share your skills and teach someone to quilt.
- Document your quilting story.
- Work on a comfort quilt.
- Finish a UFO or at least make a list of your UFOs and prioritize them for finishing.
- Give your quilting room a spring cleaning.
- Organize your scraps, magazines, patterns, thread, etc.
- Take an online quilting class.
- Listen to a quilting podcast.
- Play with your fabric stash and plan your next project.
- Try a new quilting skill.
- Read a quilting themed novel.
- Build your quilt bucket list.
- Call a quilting friend.
- Take a drive and look for barn quilts.
- Watch a YouTube video on the International Quilt Museum channel found [here](#).

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2021**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- March 17, 2021**

Opening Balance	\$7,961.63
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Funds Collected

Membership	\$10.00
QS Raffle tickets	\$25.00
Donation	\$100.00

<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$135.00
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<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$8,096.63
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Funds Paid Out

Beverly Cook, 2022 QS Raffle quilt quilting	\$405.45
Michelle Renee Hiatt, March trunk show & workshop	\$880.00
Natalie Good, Zoom speaker gift card	\$25.00

<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$1,310.45
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$6,786.18
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2021 YTD Collections: \$265.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

MORE SEW ALONG DAYS ADDED FOR MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

Members asked for more, and the guild listened. We've scheduled 3 more Zoom Sew Alongs in March, April, and May. The first Zoom Sew Along was held in December with 2 more in January and February. For the February Pajama Party Sew Along, 19 members dropped in during the day and 8 die-hard quilters (Shirley Babcock, Beth Brault, Diane Comeau, Nancy LaPointe, Priscilla Pritchard, Sharon Perry, Helen Short, and Deb Trahan) stayed signed in almost until the very end of the day. Nancy LaPointe was the lucky winner of the *Forever Mine* pattern by Bonnie Hunter and a large stack of red and pink charm squares.

Don't miss out on the fun and sewing! The next one is the March Madness Sew Along on Sunday, March 14th, starting at 10:00 am and concluding around 4:00 pm. Details for the March Sew Along are still being worked out. Along with good conversations and lots of laughter, there may be a game or two along with more free patterns with a St. Patrick's Day or Celtic theme. And of course there will be a drawing at the end of the Sew Along. The prize is will be Bonnie Hunter's pattern, *Shattered*, along with a stack of scrappy charm squares.

The Bunny Hop Sew Along will be held on Sunday, April 11th. Three weeks later, the Cinco de Mayo Sew Along will be held on May 2nd. Be sure to mark all the Sew Alongs for March, April and May so you too can join in the fun!



RECIPE CORNER: MAPLE BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

1 teaspoon dry mustard
½ teaspoon dried basil
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In a small bowl, combine mustard, basil, garlic, salt, and pepper. Add vinegar, maple syrup and lemon juice. Whisk together. Add olive oil and whisk until emulsified.

RECIPE CORNER: MAPLE WALNUT SQUARES

1 ¼ cups flour
⅓ cup sugar
½ cup butter, softened
2 eggs, beaten
⅔ cup sugar
¾ cup maple syrup
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 375° F.

In a bowl, combine first 3 ingredients (flour, sugar, butter) and press into a greased 9-inch square pan. Bake for 15 minutes; set aside.

Lower oven temperature to 350° F. In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour filling over baked crust. Bake for 25 minutes.

RECIPE CORNER: IRISH CREAM BUNDT CAKE

CAKE:

1 cup chopped pecans
One 15.25 ounce box yellow cake mix
One 3.4 ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix
4 large eggs
¼ cup water
½ cup vegetable or canola oil
¾ cup Irish Cream liqueur

GLAZE:

½ cup (1 stick) butter

¼ cup water

1 cup granulated white sugar

¼ cup Irish Cream liqueur

Preheat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour 10-inch bundt pan. Sprinkle chopped nuts evenly over the bottom of the pan.

In a large bowl, combine the cake and pudding mixes. Add the eggs, water, oil and liqueur. Beat for 5 minutes at high speed. Pour the batter over the nuts in pan.

Bake 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes in the pan.

Prepare the glaze while the cake is cooling in the pan. Combine the butter, water and sugar in small saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to simmer and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in the Irish Cream.

Invert the cake onto a serving dish. Prick the top and sides of the cake. Spoon the glaze over the top and brush onto the sides of the cake. Allow the cake to absorb the glaze; repeat until all the glaze is used.

RECIPE CORNER: HOMEMADE MAPLE CARAMEL SAUCE

¼ cup maple syrup (real maple syrup)

¼ cup butter

2 - 4 tablespoons brown sugar

¼ cup heavy whipping cream

In a heavy saucepan add the maple syrup and brown sugar, heat on low/medium heat until boiling, place candy thermometer in the pot and continue on a low boil until temperature reaches 235F (112C), stirring every couple of minutes with a wooden spoon.

Remove from heat, add the butter and stir until melted, add the cream and combine. Pour into glass jar, the sauce will thicken as it cools.

Once cool cover tightly and store in the refrigerator. Stir well before serving.



Yo-Yo You're Sew Creative 2021 Challenge

The holidays are behind us, and you may find yourself with a few yo-yos! Well here's your chance to be creative and use them up!

Make something using one or more of the yo-yos you received in your Christmas gift bag! What to make? Anything! Use them to decorate a pot holder or a hat. Make a wall-hanging or a floor rug, jewelry, ornaments, bags...anything goes!

Send a photo of your creation to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by Sunday, June 6th. Let her know how many of your 10 yo-yos you used. For each yo-yo you used, your name will be entered in a drawing for a fabulous prize!

Entries will be judged by a special guest, and the winner will receive not only bragging rights but also a one-of-a-kind Franklin County Quilters Guild ribbon!



2021 Charity Quilt

(Made/donated by Helen Short and quilted by Diane Comeau; *Frolic* pattern by Bonnie Hunter, 2020-21 Mystery Quilt)



March	8	Diane	Comeau
March	12	Laurel	Schaap
March	18	Helen	Short
March	24	Cleone	Pigeon
March	28	John	Rouleau
March	29	Lauretta	Chalifoux

...and many more!!!



2021 Raffle Quilt

(Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry; quilted by Bev Cook)

2021 RAFFLE TICKETS

Penny LaRoche is still collecting raffle tickets for the 2020 – 2021 membership year. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the guild's June meeting. If you still have your tickets, please send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Penny LaRoche, 40 Meade Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Penny can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

2022 RAFFLE QUILT



(Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry; quilted by Bev Cook)



*Hang a quilt up outside
in celebration of
National Quilting Day
Saturday, March 20th*





For March, you will add a 5-inch block that finishes at 4½ inches. Your piece will now measure 54.5 x 56.5 inches. If you are having difficulty finding the block sizes that you need, we have used the following site: [Generations Quilt Patterns, Your 24/7 Online Quilt Teacher \(generations-quilt-patterns.com\)](http://generations-quilt-patterns.com). Here's what Helen Bicknell's and Lucie Fortin's projects look like through March.

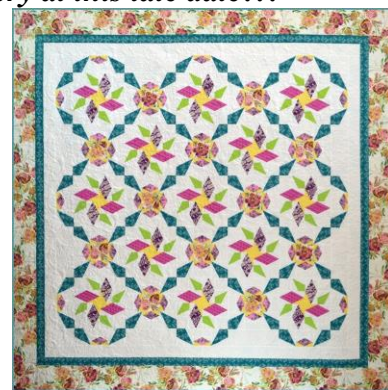


MARCH GUILD MEETING FEATURES MICHELLE RENEE HIATT, A STUDIO 180 DESIGN CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Michelle Renee Hiatt, a Studio 180 Design Certified Instructor, will join us for a trunk show on Wednesday, March 17th, and a workshop on Saturday, March 20th, called Periwinkle Swirl (pictured below). You will need to sign up for the workshop **PRONTO!** Natalie must send participants' emails to Michelle by March 6th! The workshop will cost \$30 and will run from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with a ½-hour break for lunch. Please send your check for \$30, payable to FCQG, to Natalie Good, PO Box 386, St Albans, VT 05478. Include your email if it is different from the one on the membership roster. **Check must arrive by March 6th to guarantee your space in the workshop!** *Suggest hand-delivery at this late date!!!*

Periwinkle Swirl

Wall: 59" x 59"
Throw: 59" x 83"
Double: 90" x 90"
King: 114" x 114"



In April, Gudrun Erla, of GE Designs, will be the guest speaker. Her trunk show is called "Stripology Mixology." As described on Gudrun's website, "Put your stash to work! Learn the tricks behind Gudrun's cutting techniques and turn your stash into a useable collection of ready-to-go precuts. See the amazing techniques behind the quilts you can make from your collection and the newest releases from Gudrun."

Our final guest presenter for the membership year will be Stephanie McCall on Wednesday, May 19th. She will give a talk & trunk show on Quilt Restoration.



SHOW & TELL ON ZOOM

Let's Zoom!



We'll still be enjoying the monthly show & tell during the guild's Zoom meetings. However, it will require some advance planning and actions.

If you want to display your completed projects during show & tell, please email a photo of each project to Sharon Perry, vtquilter@gmail.com, by the Sunday prior to the guild meeting. **For the March meeting, photos should be sent to Sharon no later than Sunday, March 14th.**

For each month's show & tell Sharon will create a slideshow with all the photos sent to her for that month. She will "share" the slideshow during the Zoom meeting. Members will be asked to briefly describe their projects as those projects appear on the screen.

ZOOM PLATFORM BRINGS CHANGES TO GUILD MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Guild meetings will be conducted on Zoom in a virtual format; in-person meetings are cancelled for the 2020-2021 membership year. The executive board will re-evaluate when to restart in-person meetings next year.
- Guest speakers will present virtual lectures and workshops also using Zoom.
- Guild members will need to send pictures to participate in the monthly show & tell.
- Guild members will join the guild meeting by clicking a link or launching the Zoom app on their computer/device/smartphone. Sharon Perry will send all the particulars for joining one week before the meeting. **The invite for the March 17th meeting will be sent out on Wednesday, March 10th.**

ZOOM BEST PRACTICES

- Make sure your camera is connected and available to the Zoom app.
- Check your microphone and speaker settings before joining the Zoom session.
- Close all apps except for Zoom on your smartphone/device/computer.
- Plug your computer/device/smartphone into a power source.
- If using wi-fi, make sure your wi-fi is not overloaded (think multiple phones, devices, cameras, etc.).
- If you have a limited/unreliable internet connection, try directly plugging into your internet router.
- If you are hard of hearing or in a crowded/public space, use a headset for better sound.
- **Mute your microphone** when not actively speaking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and behavior (**We can see you!**).
- Add questions/comments in "Chat" section to be addressed by Zoom moderator.
- "Raise hand" if you would like to address the group.
- Make comments short and succinct; mute for responses.

IDEAS FOR GUILD MEMBERS WITH UNRELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIONS

Here are some ways to join the Zoom meetings if you have a limited connection:

- Plug directly into your internet router.
- Disconnect all other devices using wi-fi during the Zoom meeting. You'd be surprised how many devices are connected to your wi-fi (think printers, collywobbles, smartphones, cameras, appliances, lights, etc.).
- Try using the internet connection at your local library from your car.
- Join a fellow guild member at their home as long as everyone is observing COVID-19 guidelines and have not been exposed to COVID-19.

MARCH WORD SEARCH

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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 31st, 2021**

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



"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb."

— English Proverb