

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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DEADLINE

FOR

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

MAY 2010 EDITION

Wednesday, May 5th

Please send your articles & submissions to Sharon Perry at vtquilter@gmail.com

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Although I am writing this prior to the quilt show, I wanted to thank Sharon Perry and Bonnie Evans for such an excellent job as the co-chairs for the quilt show. Their contributions are immeasurable. Thank you also for all the committee chairs and everyone who volunteered their time and or talents to the success of the quilt show. The show simply would not have happened without each and every one of you. I'll go into more details about the show next month.

The nominating committee needs volunteers. Gisele Nolan and Summer Ladd have been tasked with filling the slate of officers and committee chair vacancies for the 2010-2011 year. As you know, a few months ago Sharon and Bonnie announced that they would not be the co-chairs for the quilt show next year. They both will definitely be part of the quilt show, just not the chairs. This is the perfect time to volunteer as the chair or with a friend as co-chairs. Everything is all set to hand over the baton. There are notebooks for every committee, and they will be updated by the current committee chairs with play by play instructions, timelines, etc. before the final "lessons learned" meeting at the end of April.

Last year at this time, being President of the guild was the furthest thing from my mind. But today, 10 months later, I am so very glad I accepted the offer. It allowed me to get out of my comfort zone in a friendly, non-intimidating environment. I have always wanted to be comfortable speaking in front of a crowd like Sharon and Bonnie (give me 10 more years to master it like those two) but the only way to learn is to do it and do it often. The first few meetings my stomach was in knots, but slowly the knots changed to a comfortable, manageable nervousness. And look how Gerda has blossomed as the media chair for the quilt show. It was not a role she was comfortable accepting, but she is really in her element. And you can have the same experience. The workload for each role is very manageable even when working full time. It takes every one of us to make the guild a success. So, when you're approached by Gisele or Summer, I hope your response is, **Yes, sign me up.** Your guild needs you!

Enjoy the quilt show and see you on April 21st for Appliqué Techniques.

Happy Stitching.

- Ann Jacobs

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of March 17, 2010

Present: Total attended, 47; New members: 0; Guests: 3

Proceedings: *Meeting called to order* at 7:10 p.m. by President, Ann Jacobs, where upon she announced the guest vendor, Fiber Junction

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February - motion to accept, Shireen Melton, seconded by Summer Ladd.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept, Gisele Nolan; seconded by Mary Ellen Therrien.

Old Business:

- 2010 Quilt Show (Sharon Perry):
 - o We need quilts. So far we have 90 quilts.
 - o Kit from Yankee Pride available to guild members. \$50 for the kit & \$17 for the special ruler.
 - o Big thank you to all the people who have volunteered to help out during the show. Still need a few more people to help out though.
 - o Big thank you to Gerda Thibault for the fabulous job she did with publicity.
 - o Big thanks to Deb Aylward for the press release.
 - o Denise Chase will be narrating the show.
 - o Big thanks to Mariette Shepard for doing all the ribbons!
 - o Charity quilt display - each charity quilt coordinator needs to do a brief write up and send it to Shireen Melton.
 - o Still need some members to do demos.
 - o Quilts will be received between 3:00 and 5:30 on Friday the 9th.
 - o Raffle tickets need to be turned in to Gail Darling.
 - o Silent Auction: We have 28 items; will be accepting items through Easter Weekend. Call Nancy Orcutt @ 524-4511.
 - o Security for the show is all set.
 - o Take down: All quilts must be checked out for the purpose of accountability. Break down is at 3:00 pm on Sunday.
 - o The front bathroom will be closed except to handicap.

New Business:

- Habitat for Humanity. Someone contacted Julie Cowles and is looking to donate quilt kits and make them up for Habitat for Humanity houses.

- Nominating Committee: Gisele Nolan & Summer Ladd volunteered. We need one more person.

Block of the Month: Instructions and swatches for next month's blocks were on tables.

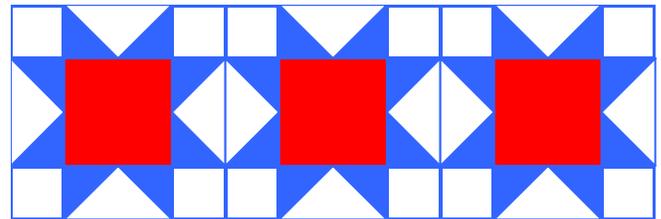
Monthly Drawings

- Door prize went to Carol Guyette.
- BOM drawing won by Sally Krupp.
- Charity quilt drawing went to Bev Cook.
- WIP/UFO drawing won by Bonnie Evans.

Programs: Vendor - Fibre Junction.

Other Business

- Next mtg, April 21st .
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Roseanne Terrill.

**JUST FOR FUN...BARN QUILTS**

Submitted by Kay Benedict

It all started in 2001 when Donna Sue Groves, of Adams County, Ohio, honored her mother by painting an 8' x 8' quilt square on her barn. Painted quilt blocks soon began springing up on other barns throughout Adams County. Now the American Quilt Trail is a full-fledged grassroots art movement of barn quilts in the U.S. and Canada.

Suzi Parron, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is documenting the American Quilt Trail. She shares photos and stories in preparation for an upcoming book on her blog americanquilttrail.blogspot.com.

Jen Buettner, of New Berlin, Wisconsin, photographs quilt blocks on barns throughout Wisconsin. She has created a Block of the Week project, reproducing barn quilt blocks and posting the 6" patterns on her blog cre8ivequilter.blogspot.com.

Rebecca Kuck, of The Golden Thimble, Ohio, is posting a Block of the Month incorporating barns in the design. You can view her project at the goldenthimble.com.

Rumor has it that Eleanor Burns has a new book coming out any day now - on barn quilts!

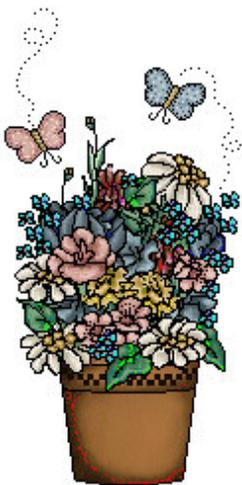
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR GREEN MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD MEETING ON MAY 15TH

The State guild, Green Mountain Quilters Guild will hold its spring meeting on Saturday, May 15th, in Bethel, Vermont. The Franklin County Quilters Guild is a chapter member of Green Mountain Quilt Guild.

The spring meeting features a guest speaker and teacup auction. Richard Cleveland, founder of the Vermont Quilt Festival, is the guest speaker. Richard will be talking about antique quilts. Guild members are encouraged to bring their antique quilts, those made before 1960, to the meeting.

Each chapter member guild is asked to bring donations of items for the teacup auction. Sharon Perry is the guild's representative to the Green Mountain Quilt Guild. She is asking guild members to bring their donations to the April guild meeting since our May meeting will be after the Green Mountain meeting.

With all the beautiful weather we've enjoyed this spring, now would be a perfect time to do some spring cleaning in your sewing room and find a few things to donate. Not all donations have to be quilt-related. Some past donations have included jams and jellies made by guild members or spa-type items like lotions, hand creams, or soaps. Or use your imagination and find something new and different to donate.



Welcome
Spring

FOREVER BLOOM CONTINUES TO BLOOM

As a guild, we're very fortunate to have a local quilt shop in our backyard. The owner and guild member, Jonnie Fillion, has lots of new fabrics and is offering classes into May and beyond. She's

also hoping to be part of next year's Vermont Shop Hop. I hope you stopped at her booth at the quilt show; Forever Bloom was a new show vendor.

QUILTS OF VALOR



VERMONT CHAPTER

Please join us for a QOV QUILT-A-THON! Bring your QOV project, or anything you may need/want to work on, UFOs, or just stop by and say hi!

WHEN: 1st Saturday of EVERY month from
9:00 am—2:00 pm

WHERE: Forever Bloom Quilt Shop & More
71 North Main Street
St. Albans, VT 05478

CONTACTS: Roseanne Terrill, 802-524-7603
Gail Darling, 802-827-3159

QUILT SHOW WINNERS

Mayor's Award.....Americana, Bonnie Evans
Founder's Award.....Memory Quilt, Rose Rixon
President's Award.....America, America
Entered by Karen Gibson, made by Kathryn Fedie
Vendor Award....Buttermilk Farms, Judy Hamilton
Cowles Quilting....Quilted by Karen Abrahamovich
Vendor Award.....A Walk by the Seaside
Forever Bloom.....Nya Aucoin
Vendor Award.....Royal Cross, Diane Forey
Garden of Stitches.....Quilted by Babette Coons
Vendor Award....Buttermilk Farms, Judy Hamilton
Quilter's Quisine..Quilted by Karen Abrahamovich
Vendor Award....Not My Grandmother's Flower
Snowflake Memories.....Garden, Denise Chase
Vendor Award.....Springtime in Vermont
Yankee Pride...Ann Jacobs, Quilted by Rose Terrill
Lg Bed Quilt: 1st Place, Not My Grandmother's
Flower Garden, Denise Chase; 2nd Place,
Americana, Bonnie Evans; 3rd Place, Autumn Rush,
Gwen Guyette.

Small Bed Quilt: 1st Place, Stars on Parade, Denise Chase; 2nd Place, Mystery Quilt 2009, Kathy Rockliss; 3rd Place, Jungle Babies, by Deb Dusablon.

Wallhanging: 1st Place, America, America, entered by Karen Gibson; 2nd Place, Stained Glass, Judy Hamilton, quilted by Carol Philbin; 3rd Place, Look Sally Look, Carol Stanley.

Miniature Quilt: 1st Place, Springtime in Vermont, Susie Perry; 2nd Place, Vermont Splendor, Susie Perry; 3rd Place, Primitive Rose Penny Rug, Lorraine Pike.

Guild Challenge: 1st Place, Heart Tote Bag, Elaine Magnan; 2nd Place, Heart Challenge, Bonnie Evans; 3rd Place, Crazy in Love, Joanne Sweet.

Best Window Display: Bayberry Cottage.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR COMMON THREADS' MAY BUS TRIP

The Common Threads Quilt Guild has organized a bus trip which will leave the Morrisville area on Saturday, May 1st and return on Sunday, May 2nd. This is a bus tour not to be missed!!!

The tour package includes: 1 night lodging; 1 hot continental breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner; and stops at 5 quilt shops in Vermont and New Hampshire. Package also includes baggage handling, driver's accommodations, and tour manager, all on a luxury motor coach. Reservations and full payment are due now.

Prices: per person single occupancy - \$235.00; per person double occupancy - \$191.00; per person triple occupancy - \$178.00; per person quad occupancy - \$170.00. These prices do not include gratuities for motor coach driver and tour manager. We will "pass the hat" for that.

Stops planned for Saturday are: Country Treasures in Chester, VT; Pickering Farms in Richmond, NH; The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop in Lyndeborough, NH; with an overnight stay in Manchester, NH. Sunday's stops are at Quilted Threads in Henniker, NH and at Country Heart Quilters in Plymouth, NH.

To reserve your seat on the bus or for any questions, call Notch Above Tours, Gwendy Lauritzen, 802-881-0661, or email gwendy48@comcast.net

QUILT SHOW IN BARRE FEATURES PLAINFIELD QUILT ARTIST

The Central Vermont Quilt Show, scheduled for Mother's Day weekend at Barre's historic Old Labor Hall, will feature a retrospective exhibit by nationally-known contemporary quilt designer and teacher Kathie Alyce. Visitors at last year's show will remember two distinctive pieces by Kathie – a landscape and one with embellished pansies made with one of her unique templates. Show organizer Marianne Kotch noted, "This year's show is especially lucky to feature Kathie and her quilts because her first book will be published this fall by the American Quilters' Society."

The Central Vermont Quilt Show will be held Friday, May 7, from 2 to 7 pm, and Saturday, May 8, from 9 am to 5 pm, at the Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street in Barre. Fifty quilts and a number of unique tote bags by local quilters will also be featured, along with vendors and demonstrations. For general guidelines, challenge guidelines, and entry forms, call Marianne Kotch at 476-4185, or email info@centralvermontquiltshow.com.

RECIPE CORNER: NO FAIL SUGAR COOKIES

This recipe is GREAT when using complex cookie cutters. The dough holds its shape and won't spread during baking.

6 cups flour	2 eggs
3 tsp. baking powder	2 tsp vanilla
2 cups butter	1 tsp. salt
2 cups sugar	

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Mix dry ingredients, and add a little at a time to butter mixture. Mix until flour is completely incorporated, and the dough comes together.

Chill for 1 to 2 hours (or see Hint below). Roll to desired thickness and cut into desired shapes. Bake on ungreased baking sheet at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes or until just beginning to turn brown around the edges. This recipe can make up to 5 dozen 3" cookies.

HINT: Rather than wait for the cookie dough to chill, take fresh dough and place a glob between two sheets of parchment paper. Roll out to desired thickness then place dough and paper on a cookie sheet and pop it into the refrigerator. Continue rolling out dough between sheets of paper until you've used it all. By the time you're finished, the first batch will be completely chilled and ready to cut. Re-roll leftover dough; repeat process!

QUILT TIPS

Rubberized shelf protectors are wonderful to prevent your sewing machine foot pedal from slipping all over the place. Just cut a piece larger than your foot pedal and place it underneath the foot pedal. Also, if you have trouble with your sewing machine "walking" across your table, this same product will help.

Use blunt-tipped Fiskars kid scissors for snipping threads. There's no chance of accidentally snipping through the fabric, but the blades are sharp enough to easily snip threads.

To get excellent and clear pictures of your quilts, take them outside on a heavy overcast day or in deep shades. This way the sunlight won't fade the colors.

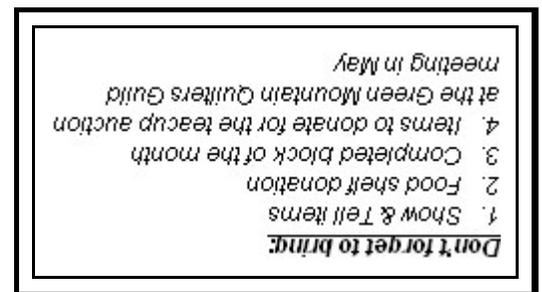
When using freezer paper for templates, cut a little nip along a long smooth side. You know the line is straight and when you go to remove the paper after ironing and cutting out you have a spot to hold on to the fabric and lift the freezer paper without any problem.

If you want to use fabric paints or fabric pens to decorate a quilt block, try stabilizing it first by ironing on freezer paper to the backside. The plastic side of the freezer paper will temporarily fuse to fabric by ironing it on, and it will peel right off when you are done. This also works for making labels.

Use a nice long napkin holder to hold all of your rulers. Find a wire one that is used for picnic tables, Since it is wire, it can be hung on the wall next to your machine or cutting table.

Store quilting magazines in empty detergent boxes. They are sturdy, have handles, and smell good. They can be covered with contact paper or spray adhesive and fabric.

Keep a small pair of scissors hanging from an adhesive hook on the front of your sewing machine. That way they are right where you need them and never get misplaced.



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