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Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful quilt show! I had a grand time and hope each and every one of you did too. Thank you Deb for all your hard work guiding the rest of us to such a successful show. You were in your element, so calm, cool and collect. I hope you were as calm on the inside. Thank you Roberta for taking I Spy to a whole new level. The poster with pictures of the display was an added touch and helped explain the concept easily. Thank you, Jen for handling the layout. I walked around the show at least 20 times and enjoyed the layout from nearly every angle. Thank you, Sharon for tackling the publicity for the show throughout the year including the final press release announcing all the winners. Thank you Bonnie for a great job on the volunteers! The charity quilt display was lovely Joanne. The view from the entrance was truly welcoming. I'd like to thank the security guards who protected our quilts Friday and Saturday the night. I know I slept better knowing they were on site. Thank you to everyone who worked Friday afternoon and evening setting up the show. I was thinking about you. Thank you for everyone who volunteered throughout the weekend including Sunday teardown. Your help is critical to the success of the show and guild!

I'll see you on the 20th. Richard Cleveland is our guest speaker, and the meeting will begin at 6pm with the doors opening at 5:30 pm.

Happy Stitching,

Ann Jacobs

2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar

September 15th Ice Cream Social

October 20th Christmas in
October (Members' demos)

November 12th Trunk Show*
with Kim Diehl

November 13th & 14th Workshops
with Kim Diehl

2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar

December 15th Holiday Potluck*
with Gift Exchange

January 19th Quilt Show Prep
Forever Bloom vending

February 16th Scrap Swap
with Special SURPRISE!!!

March 16th Final Quilt Show Prep

2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar

April 2nd – 3rd Quilt Show

April 20th Trunk Show*
of Guild Members' Vintage Quilts
with Richard Cleveland

May 18th Members'
Tips & Tricks

June 15th Potluck
Teacup Auction
with Scrap Swap Revealed

* indicates 6:00 pm start

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL PIONEER VISITS GUILD IN APRIL

Richard Cleveland, founder of the Vermont Quilt Festival, will be the guest speaker at the guild's meeting on Wednesday, April 20th. Cleveland refers to himself as a "Quilt Bureaucrat" and "textile detective." He also admits he "has only one real passion, and that's antique quilts." Cleveland will be sharing that passion and using his detective skills as he views and discusses the vintage and antique quilts of guild members at the April meeting.

Cleveland studied to be a history teacher, and history has always been his favorite subject. He confesses, "I want to see as many antique quilts as I can, to know as much about them as possible, and to see them preserved for generations to come." In an interview about 10 years ago, Cleveland also revealed, "Sometimes when I find a quilt I especially like, I run the tips of my fingers gently over its surface, willing it to tell me its secrets. I ask the six questions of every reporter - and historian: Who, what, why, how, when, where. Alas, most quilts never disgorge this information to us, and perhaps their mystery is part of their attraction for me."

In addition to organizing and leading the Vermont Quilt Festival for its first 25 years, Cleveland initiated a statewide quilt documentation project, the Vermont Quiltsearch. He also co-authored the book, Plain and Fancy: Vermont's People and Their Quilts, with Donna Bister. The book was published in 1991, Vermont's bicentennial. Cleveland feels "the most important thing I ever did was to arrange the exhibition of the Plain and Fancy quilts at the Vermont State House on July 4 and 5, 1991. That was the summer the book came out, and the exhibition was the weekend prior to the 15th annual Festival. Most of the [quilt] owners were present for the State House opening, and for most it was the first time they realized just how important their quilts were, how much their quilts were a part of Vermont history, and the degree to which other people cared about them."

Guild members are encouraged to bring any antique or vintage quilt made before 1960 to the April meeting. Cleveland will display each quilt as he dates it and talks about the fabrics and techniques used to make the quilt. This program is sure to

please everyone as guild members learn more about the heritage and history of their family heirlooms. This meeting is not to be missed. **As a reminder, the April meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.**

Editor's Note: I attended this program at the Green Mountain Quilt Guild, Vermont's State Guild, with different quilts of course. It was probably one of the best guild programs I've ever attended!!! So find those quilts and plan to spend an enjoyable evening with Richard learning and discovering your own family "jewels" and those of other members.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

APRIL MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 PM!!!

6:30 pm	Doors open Sign-up for raffle BOM block Sign-up for monthly drawing Pick up name tag
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

*Hippity-hop, Hippity-hop
Easter's on Its Way!!!*



QUILT TIPS

- Rubberized shelf protectors prevent your sewing machine foot pedal from slipping all over the place. Cut a piece larger than your foot pedal and place it underneath the foot pedal. Also, if your sewing machine "walks" across your table, this product will help.
- When you finish making a quilt, use the scrap fabrics to make a "pillow case" for the quilt to be stored in. You can also make a zipper closing so the quilt can't escape. The zippered case acts as a dust cover, and the scrap fabrics help identify what's inside. If the quilt should need repairs, the fabric from the dust cover can be used.



APRIL 2011 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: PINWHEEL

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Think pink Easter candy and chocolate...use medium to dark pink for Color 1 and medium to dark brown for Color 2.

If you have any questions, call Carol Stanley 849-2949.

Click the link below for the Pinwheel Block pattern
<http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PinwheelBlock.html>

QUILT SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The guild's 13th annual Franklin County Quilt Show drew over 700 people to the Saint Albans downtown. In addition to having over 120 quilts displayed at City Hall, numerous businesses decorated their windows with quilts and participated in "I Spy Quilts on Main Street" for the third year.

Mayor Martie Manahan stopped by the quilt show with his family on Saturday afternoon to select his favorite quilt out of 94 entries for the Mayor's Award. Mayor Manahan presented the award to Connie Lane for her quilt, "Oren's Quilt." Lane made the quilt in memory of her late husband, Oren Lane, who would help Lane make her quilts. Gerda Thibault's "Cozy Cabin" won the Founder's Award, presented on behalf of Denise Quint, formerly of Saint Albans. Quint organized the first ever Franklin County Quilt Show in 1999 and served as the show's chairwoman for 5 consecutive years. Ann Goergen-Jacobs selected "The Calico Garden Quilt" by Rose Rixon for the President's Award.

Twenty-two additional awards were presented during the show, including 6 awards from show vendors, 15 viewers' choice awards, and an award for the Best Window Display. The vendors' choice awards and winners were: from Country Thyme Vermont, "Curved Log Cabin" by Diane Forey and quilted by Karen Abrahamovich; from Cowles Quilting, "Pansies Framed by Checkerboards" by Ann-Goergen-Jacobs and quilted by Rose Terrill; from Forever Bloom, "Spring 2010 Yankee Pride Mystery" by Nancy Orcutt and quilted by Babette Coons; from Lois Kenney Design, "The Calico Garden Quilt" by Rose Rixon; from Quilter's Quisine, "Teacups in Stars" by Nancy Magnant; and from Yankee Pride, "Women of Influence" by Diane Forey and quilted by Babette Coons.

The viewers' choice award winners were: Large Bed Quilt, first place, "Oren's Quilt" by Connie Lane and quilted by Denise Chase, second place, "Soldier's Star" by Bonnie Evans, third place, "Turning Twenty Again" also by Bonnie Evans; Small Bed Quilt, first place, "Sweet Pea" by Susie Perry, second place, "Elle's First Quilt" by Bonnie Evans and her granddaughter, Elle Remillard, third place, "Four Paws Quilting" by Rolande Fortin; Wall-hanging, first place, "The Calico Garden Quilt" by Rose Rixon, second place, "Welcome to My Garden" by Jeannette LaPierre, third place, "Fall Wall-hanging" by Bonnie Evans; Miniature Quilt, first place, "Autumn Crossing" by Diane Forey, second place, "Dimensional Leaves" by Susie Perry, third place, "Dresses for Mia" by Joanne Sweet; Guild Challenge, first place, "The Many Wonders of Vermont" by Joanne Sweet, second place, "Lake Champlain in All Its Whimsical Splendor" by Ann Goergen-Jacobs, third place, "Lake Champlain Challenge" by Elaine Magnan. Classie Exchange on Main Street won the Best Window Display Award and received a special ribbon and a gallon of maple syrup.

Several drawings were also conducted at the conclusion of the quilt show. The raffle winners were: queen-sized quilt, Sharon Lee Tyler of Swanton; basket of fabric, Melissa Nason of Saint Albans; and Hannaford deli platter, Bonnie Evans. Joanne Trombley of Plattsburgh, New York, won the door prize. Local business, Betty's Flower Basket, won a half-gallon of maple syrup in a drawing limited to those businesses which participated in "I Spy Quilts on Main Street." Finally, Birch McGee-Lane of Hinesburg, and grandson of Connie Lane, won a half-gallon of maple syrup in a special drawing for those people who cast a ballot for their favorite window display.

Congratulations to all the winners at the quilt show!

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR QUILT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Bonnie Evans will be drawing the name of the lucky winner for a sewing machine at the April meeting. Smitty, of Smitty's Sewing Machine Service, has graciously donated a Necchi sewing machine for the drawing. He had one stipulation: that it goes to a guild member. So a plan was hatched, with Smitty's approval, to use the machine for a special drawing for quilt show volunteers at the 2011 show.

All guild members who volunteered for the 2011 quilt show in the months and days leading up to the show or at the show are eligible to enter. Any one guild member can enter up to 15 times with one entry for each job/task performed for the quilt show. For example, if you served on the quilt show committee AND delivered a quilt to a business for I Spy AND worked two shifts at the quilt show AND helped take down the quilt show AND made a ribbon, you would be able to enter your name 6 times in this example. All members are responsible for entering their name into the drawing the appropriate number of times. If you still need to enter, be sure to see Bonnie BEFORE the guild meeting starts.

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of March 16, 2011

Present: Total attended 40, including one guest.

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President.
- Secretary's Report: Minutes of February 16, 2011 meeting, motion to accept by Summer Ladd, seconded by Roberta Gilmour.
- Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Marjorie Taylor, seconded by Gisele Nolan.

Old Business/Quilt Show:

- We have 79 quilts so far for the show, and are still hoping for at least 100. There will be a drawing at the April meeting, with one chance to win for each quilt entered in the show. Prize donated by Moda and Kate Spain.
- Jen Martin has clear bags with tags for each member to use when handing in quilts at registration. Drop off quilts at Town Hall between 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm on April 1. Volunteers will start hanging quilts at 3:30 pm.
- If providing a charity quilt for the display at the show, please provide a brief description.
- There are 20 items submitted for the Silent Auction. Nancy Orcutt will accept any other items until April 1.
- Bonnie Evans filled remaining slots for show volunteers. There will be a drawing at the April meeting for a sewing machine donated by Smitty. Each member may enter once for each job they're doing for the show.
- Lorraine Pike filled remaining slots for demonstrations.

- All businesses wanting to participate in I Spy Quilts on Main Street have been taken. Roberta Gilmour has a bag of ballots and signs for each business. Maplefields is donating a gallon of maple syrup for the business with the winning display. Lorraine Pike will get two half-gallons for other drawings.

- Yankee Pride is offering kits for guild members. To reserve a kit, sign up tonight, pick up the kit at the show.
- Quilt Show ends Sunday at 3:00 pm, followed by awards ceremony, then take-down and quilt pick-up.

New Business:

- Next year the first full weekend of April is Easter weekend. Sharon Perry made a motion to explore moving the Quilt Show to the following weekend, depending on other area quilt events, the Maple Festival, etc. Linda Nadeau seconded.
 - Charity Quilt 2012 - Let Ann Jacobs know, preferably by email, of any charities (with addresses), and she will send letters.
 - We need a replacement for Pat Johnson for Family Center Quilts.
 - We need three volunteers to choose a slate of officers for next year.
 - Green Mountain Quilt Guild meeting on May 14 - Nancy Orcutt is collecting quilt-related items for our basket for the teacup auction. Bring items to our April meeting.
 - Sharon Perry showed the first redwork embroidery block she designed for a historic buildings series. The pattern can be purchased at Forever Bloom Quilt Shop, a portion of the proceeds going to the guild.
 - The guild will provide rotary cutter blades for charity quilt committee chairs. Let us know what size you need.
 - Gerda Thibault has eight or nine orphan quilts available if anyone needs one, especially for someone within our group.
- #### Block of the Month:
- Eighteen green and yellow blocks submitted for the March BOM raffle were won by Gerda Thibault and Kris Bachand.
 - Instructions for the April block were distributed and will be on our website. Colors to use are pink (medium to dark) and chocolate (medium to dark) on white background.
- #### Other Monthly Drawings:
- Door prize won by Deb Aylward, charity quilt raffle won by Rose Rixon.
- #### Show and Tell:
- seven charity quilts, followed by other quilts and projects.
- Next meeting on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 pm
Program by guest speaker Richard Cleveland, founder of the Vermont Quilt Festival. Bring antique/vintage quilts made before 1960.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

APRIL 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb Dusablon is still collecting and compiling the treasury numbers from the quilt show for the April report. She will have the final report ready for the guild meeting on the 20th.

CENTRAL VERMONT QUILT SHOW

Plans are well underway for the Central Vermont Quilt Show to be held May 6 and 7, 2011, at Barre's historic Old Labor Hall. Hours for the show are 2 pm to 7 pm Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday. Entry fee is only \$5.00.

This show will be an opportunity for the many talented local quilters to share their work with the community. Fifty quilts by local quilters and a special exhibit to support Breast Cancer Awareness will be on display. Local celebrities and vendors will serve as judges, and there will also be Viewers' Choice Awards in three categories.

The two-day show will include demonstrations of quilting techniques, and vendors of fabric, notions, tools, patterns, and more. For general guidelines and entry forms, email Marianne Kotch at info@centralvermontquiltshow.com or go to the CVQS website www.centralvermontquiltshow.com.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SPRING MEETING OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN QUILT GUILD

Vermont's State Guild, the Green Mountain Quilt Guild, will meet on May 14th in Bethel for its spring meeting. Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend the meeting and/or join the guild. As a guild in Vermont, the Franklin County Quilters Guild is a chapter guild. In order to raise funds, the State Guild asks all chapter guilds to bring items for the teacup auction at the May meeting.

Franklin County Quilters Guild members are asked to bring donations of quilt-related items to be included in our contribution. "Gently used" items are always welcomed! Nancy Orcutt will collect the items at the April meeting. She and Sharon Perry will meet together and package all the donations into baskets. Our guild normally has some of the nicest contributions there.

So do some "spring cleaning" in your sewing area...now that Spring has finally arrived...and bring a few items to Nancy at the April meeting. Let's try to continue the tradition of having some of the best contributions in the State.



THE FRANKENSTEIN QUILT

By Cindy Thury Smith

I started out with a simple block design—
 And thought I'd add just one or two more lines—
 To come up with a quilt that'd be all mine.
 Then I started playing with complex borders and
 sashing—
 And through my mind new ideas kept flashing—
 Until now my hopes have gone a-dashing!
 I've created an impossible pattern, a monster—
 Anyone who'd try it would be a fanatical quilter—
 Who'd probably end up cussing out the designer!
 Since I created it I'd better give it a try—
 As I ripped out stitches I kept asking myself why—
 If I ever get it done I'll take this one with me
 when I die! Now it's finally done and lies displayed on
 our bed—
 Hundreds of hours, yards of fabric, and miles of
 thread—
 One of those, "It'll never work" ideas that just popped
 into my head.

Editor's Note: This poem has been reprinted in this newsletter with permission from the author, Cindy Thury Smith.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, May 4th, 2011

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

RECIPE CORNER

Old Fashioned Coconut Cream Pie

Ingredients

For filling:

- 3 cups half-and-half
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (9 inch) pie shell, baked

For whipped topping:

- 2 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- 8 teaspoon cold water
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream (very cold)
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon clear vanilla extract

Directions

- For filling: In a medium saucepan, combine half-and-half, eggs, sugar, flour and salt. Bring to a boil over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, and stir in 3/4 cup of the coconut and the vanilla extract. Pour into pie shell and chill 2 to 4 hours, or until firm.

- For whipped topping: Combine gelatin and cold water in small saucepan. Let stand until thick. Place over low heat, stirring constantly just until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Whip cream, sugar and vanilla until slightly thickened. While beating slowly, gradually add gelatin to whipped cream mixture. Whip at high speed until stiff. Spread on top of pie filling. Toast remaining coconut and sprinkle on top of whipped topping.

Note: To toast coconut, spread coconut in an ungreased pan and bake in a 300 degree F oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Watch closely so it doesn't burn!

Editor's Note: I love coconut cream pie, and this is the best coconut cream pie I've ever tasted!!! And it is so simple to make. If you decide to make it, let me know what you think.



Spring has Sprung
...finally...

REMINDER ABOUT MONTHLY DRAWINGS

As a reminder to all guild members...a guild member is eligible to win the monthly door prize only once and the BOM drawing only once during the membership year from September through June.

For any member who wins the BOM drawing, you're asked to continue making a monthly BOM for the drawing the remainder of the year. This ensures each winner receives a similar number of blocks throughout the membership year.

DID YOU KNOW???

April is National Humor Month, International Guitar Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, Lawn and Garden Month, National Welding Month, Stress Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Animal Cruelty Prevention Month, National Autism Awareness Month, and Poetry Month.

April's flower is the daisy or sweet pea. The birthstone is the diamond or zircon, and its astrological signs are Aries, March 21st - April 19th, and Taurus, April 20th - May 20th.

The Moon this month is called the Egg Moon, Grass Moon and Hare Moon.

Some notable historical events in April:

- On April 12, 1861, the Civil War began. It started when a Confederate artillery unit fired at the Union-held Fort Sumter.
- On April 15, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died a day after being shot at Ford's theater.
- On April 15, 1912, the unsinkable luxury ship, Titanic, did the impossible...it sunk after hitting an iceberg.
- On April 24, 1800, the US Congress established the Library of Congress.

CHARITY QUILT COORDINATOR NEEDED

The guild is in need of a new charity quilt coordinator for the Family Center. Pat Johnson needs to step down from this position due to her work schedule. Pat already has oodles of fabric for the new coordinator.

If you're interested in taking over from Pat, please let Ann Goergen-Jacobs know at the next meeting.

“FOR SALE” TABLE RETURNS IN MAY

Do you have extra quilt-related items cluttering your sewing space? Are you at a loss about what to do with your items? The guild has a solution for you. Bring your gently used items to the guild meeting to donate to the “For Sale” table at the back of the room; proceeds will benefit the guild. Sharon Perry has agreed to host the table each month at the monthly guild meeting. So don’t throw anything away...bring it to the guild!

The “FOR SALE” Table will take a break for the April meeting but will be set up again at the May meeting. If you have any donations for the table, bring them in, and we’ll find a new home for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MACHINE QUILTERS EXPOSITION (MQX) EAST, April 14th – 16th, 2011: At the The Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, RI. Quilting event tailored for machine quilters, domestic to longarm. Features contest quilts, vendors, classes, and much, much more. Admission: \$10 adult; children under 12 free with a paying adult; \$22 for multi-day pass. Fast Pass entry fee prepayment available March 1, 2011. Visit <http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/Home/index.cfm> for more information.

CENTRAL VERMONT QUILT SHOW, May 6th – 7th, 2011: At Barre’s historic Old Labor Hall, 46 Granite Street. Grand opening with awards on Friday at 5 pm. Show hours: Friday, 2-7 pm; Saturday, 9 am-5 pm. Fifty quilts by local Central Vermont quilters in a variety of styles and sizes. Special display of 14 quilts made by the Mad Quilters' Kwilt Kamp Krew, all using the same pattern but with different fabrics for completely different looks. Special *Bra Bags for Breast Cancer* display. Fantastic merchants including local quilt shops, fiber artists, and craft suppliers. Quilting techniques demonstrated by prominent local quilters on Saturday, 10 am-3 pm. Visit <http://www.centralvermontquiltshow.com/> for more information.

