

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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🌲 President's Piece 🌲

I've just returned from a week in Atlanta, GA where I attended the 2017 Public Health Preparedness Summit. Public Health prepares for the next possible threats we could face from violence to natural disasters or disease. I came home excited about a new training for people standing near an emergent situation entitled "Until Help Arrives." This training will be offered in our area by fall. I encourage everyone to sign up. The training will be free and simple steps could save lives. Summer appears to be in full swing in Georgia with temperatures reaching into the 80's on one of the days I was there. The leaves on the trees were fully mature and the daffodils had gone by. The Summit was tightly scheduled and I didn't venture out to find any quilt shops. I also did 'Carry On' luggage with one and a half arms. Something I should have rethought before leaving Burlington but I managed! I suffered from sewing withdrawal but it's good to cultivate other interests so one's doesn't become too narrow.

Spring is here and it's time for spring cleaning. Yard and garage sales will be popping up so that one person's junk will become another person's treasure. Our guild is offering members another "Sawdust to Silver" sale opportunity **at our May meeting on the 17th. Doors will open at 5:30pm to allow for set up with buyers welcome at 6:00pm.** Bring cash and shopping bags so you can make many money saving purchases.

The business meeting will start at 7:00pm. The slate of officers for 2017-2018 will be introduced. Letters of application for our 2018 charity quilt will be read and discussed. Both the slate of officers and charity quilt recipient will be voted on at our June meeting. If members don't sell their items at the May sale, they could donate them to our June Teacup Auction.

Don't forget your Block of the Month for May. The block is called Antique Tile. The color way is blue and yellow, one of my favorite combinations.

Happy Piecing,

Helen Short, 2016 – 2017 President

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

September 21st Ice Cream Social

October 19th Christmas in October

November 18th Busting the Myths –
Quilt History Truths
with Pam Weeks

November 19th Strips & Bits Workshop
with Pam Weeks

November 20th Quilt-As-You-Go
Workshop with Pam Weeks

2016 – 2017 Guild Calendar

December 21st Holiday Potluck

January 18th Trunk Show
with Denise Chase

February 17th Trunk Show
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 18th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

February 19th Workshop
with Jessica VanDenburgh

2016 -2017 Guild Calendar

March 15th Lessons Learned
from a Long-Armer (Panel)
Quilt Show Prep

March 31st Quilt Show Set-Up

April 1st & 2nd Quilt Show

April 19th New Tips & Tricks Trunk
Show with Sunny Laurel Sisters

May 17th Members' Garage Sale
(Doors open 5:30 pm; sale at 6:00 pm)

June 21st Potluck & Teacup Auction

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of April 19, 2017

Present: Total attended 45, including three guests

Business meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Helen Short, President

Secretary's Report for February 2017 meeting: Motion to accept by Nancy LaPointe, seconded by Nadine Froebel. Approved.

Treasurer's Report for March/April 2017: Motion to accept by Gerda Thibault, seconded by Dale McFeeters. Approved.

Members in Good Standing - Helen Short initiated a discussion about what is expected of members each year:

- Selling 2 books of raffle tickets.
- Participating in the guild's other fund-raising activities and charitable endeavors.
- Volunteering in some way for the quilt show.

2018 Charity Quilt nominees - A couple of letters of request have been received. The deadline for any other letters of request is the May meeting. All letters received will be read at the May meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2017-18 - Diane Kane has accepted the nomination for President, and Nanc Ekiert will join Nancy LaPointe as Quilt Show Co-Chairs. Membership Chair, Librarian, and Breast Cancer Quilts Coordinator are still needed. All will be finalized by the May meeting.

Quilt Show

- Kudos to all for exceptionally smooth set-up, show, and take-down!!!
- Since Easter falls on April 1st next year, the quilt show will be held the following weekend, April 7th and 8th.
- Having corporate sponsors for the quilt show was discussed. Motion to solicit sponsors for the quilt show was made by Margaret Miller, seconded by Kris Kilburn. Approved.
- Winners of drawings for quilt show volunteers: Deb Dusablon (Disappearing Pinwheel quilt made by Helen Short), Mary Ellen Therrien, Beth Jessiman, Kris Bachand, Linda Nadeau, Kris Kilburn, Sally Krupp, Denise Chase, and Sharon Perry.

Block of the Month

- Winner of the drawing for this month's blocks is Maggie Short.

- Next month's block is "Antique Tile" on Quilter's Cache website. Colors are blue, yellow, and off-white.

Thank you note - from Mary Irish, recipient of a breast cancer quilt

Show and Tell

Program - Products and tips by Nicole Laurencelle of Sunny Laurel Sisters

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Cindy Metayer
- Charity Quilts: Priscilla Tiralla

Next meeting - Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Program: Members' garage sale (**Doors open and set-up for sale at 5:30pm. Sale starts at 6pm.**)

Motion to adjourn by Kris Kilburn, seconded by Sally Krupp. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict



Shirley	Babcock	May	3 rd
Frances	Morong	May	6 th
Carol	Mahoney	May	17 th
Rolande	Fortin	May	19 th
Connie	Lane	May	30 th
Jennifer	Dusablon	May	31 st

...and many more!!!



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2017**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- May 17, 2017**

Opening Balance			\$3,108.74
Funds collected			
Sandra Palmer, Donation		\$90.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$90.00	
		<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$3,198.74
Funds paid out			
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for May		\$35.00	
Acadia Insurance, 2017 Annual Insurance		\$300.00	
The Warm Company, 3 bolts of batting		\$324.26	void April's \$256.96
Nancy LaPointe, QS Vinyl banner, water, rental to pick-up poles		\$204.59	void April's \$181.86
Sally Krupp, QS Teacup auction postage		\$13.06	
Helen Short, Meeting agenda copies		\$3.98	
Margaret Miller, Batting		\$24.07	
Bonnie Evans, Batting		\$8.98	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$913.94	
		Grand Total	\$2,284.80

2017 YTD Collections: \$4,340.23

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



*Happy
Mother's Day*

**GUILD WEBSITE IS 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, May 31st, 2017

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

SPRING CLEANING IN THE SEWING ROOM TURNS “SAWDUST” TO “SILVER” AT MAY MEETING

The program for the May guild meeting will be a garage sale for all guild members. Last year's garage sale was so successful for both sellers and buyers the guild voted for an encore presentation this year. This year's sale will again provide an opportunity for members to sell (or purchase) gently used quilting-related items no longer needed by the owner.

Any member can reserve a table to sell items. **THERE IS NO CHARGE TO SELL YOUR ITEMS AT THE GARAGE SALE!!!** Please let Jean Anne Branch know soonest if you would like a table. Several members signed up for tables at the April meeting. We need to know if there's anyone else who needs a table so we have enough set up at the church.

If you don't want to have a sale table or you're a “newbie” quilter in need of quilting supplies, there are sure to be lots of bargains. Be sure to bring some cash or checks to shop at the Guild's Garage Sale in May.

As Helen says, “One quilter's ‘sawdust’ is another quilter's silver.”



REMINDER: Sellers...if you don't sell all your “wares” at the May meeting you can always donate them to the Teacup Auction in June.

2017 – 2018 SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President – Diane Kane
- Vice President – Teri Brunelle
- Secretary – Cindy Metayer
- Treasurer – Deb Dusablon
- Newsletter – Sharon Perry
- Librarian – Pam Salazar
- Membership – Mary Ellen Therrien and Helen Short
- Project Coordinator – Helen Short
- Programs – Jean Anne Branch, Mary Jane Marchelewicz and Kris Kilburn
- Quilt Show Co-Chairs – Nanc Ekiert and Nancy LaPointe
- Charity Quilt Coordinators – Jennifer Burt (Purple Heart), TBD (Breast Cancer), Alyce Bushey and Elaine Magnan (Home Health), Denise Chase (Laurie's House),
 - Kris Bachand and Helen Short (Fire, etc. Quilts)



**Remember the
fallen on
Memorial Day**





MAY 2017 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: ANTIQUE TILE

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Colors for the block are as shown in the block pictured at left

If you have any questions, call Dale McFeeters, 524-3616.

Click the link below for the Antique Tile block pattern

<http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AntiqueTileBlock.html>

Be sure to continue to page 2 at this link:

http://www.quilterscache.com/A/AntiqueTileBlock_Page2.html

THOUGHTS ON BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM) CONSTRUCTION

Over the many years this newsletter editor has been a member of the guild, proper BOM construction has been discussed almost every year. Sometimes it has been a topic at a guild meeting; other times it may have been brought up at Sunday sewing or at another gathering of members. And most all of the discussions center on 2 items, having an accurate 1/4-inch seam allowance and using nice quality 100% cotton fabric.

At a demo night many years ago, one of the members used 3 different brands of sewing machines in her demo, each brand with its own 1/4-inch presser foot. When fabric was sewn and pressed, none of the machines sewed a “perfect” 1/4-inch seam allowance; the resulting seam allowances varied in size from just over 1/4 inch to almost 3/8 inch. If you make a block with, say, 4 vertical and 4 horizontal seams, that extra 1/8 inch would quickly grow with each seam making the block 1/2 inch smaller than it should be. Even Bonnie Hunter, world-renowned quilter, “measures and calibrates” her seam allowance EVERY TIME she sits down to sew. Here’s a link to Bonnie “blogging” about an accurate 1/4-inch seam allowance: <http://quiltville.blogspot.com/2005/06/that-quarter-inch.html>. She says, “Measure the unit, NOT the seam allowance.” Try the test she describes...you might be surprised what you discover.

As far as the type of the fabric...if you find yourself asking whether the fabric you have selected is cotton, you probably shouldn’t use it for the monthly BOM unless you determine that it is cotton. This YouTube video features a burn test to determine fabric content: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAlqLCVvyG8>. Sometimes you can also tell if the fabric is not cotton if you smell an unusual, burning smell when you iron your fabric with a hot iron. Cotton-only fabric will smell like paper when it burns or scorches.

And finally, the quality of the fabric (even if you think it is cotton)...if you can see through the fabric or it feels really thin, I wouldn’t use it. Conversely, if it feels really rough and stiff, I wouldn’t use it. Have you ever found fabric, usually at discount stores or maybe at a garage sale, which looks just like fabric you saw in a quilt shop (same pattern, same color, same everything) **AND** which has no identifying information in the selvage (no company name, no color dots) anywhere? It is more than likely a pre-production run of a name-brand fabric. Pre-production runs use lower-quality greige (pronounced like gray or grey) goods while “fine-tuning” the mechanics before dyeing or printing the final runs on higher quality greige goods. Here is a blog post which discusses the differences in greige goods: <http://blog.keepsakequilting.com/2016/03/difference-chain-store-fabrics-quilters-grade-fabrics/>.

A friend of mine once showed me a quilt she had made for her husband. It was a Lone Star quilt which she had painstakingly pieced and hand-quilted over several years. She was an experienced quilter and had been collecting fabric for the quilt for years. The quilt caught my eye because the color combination was an unusual black and mauve. When I commented on the colors, she indicated the fabrics had all been black when she started. Even though she kept it out of direct sunlight, all of the “black-turned-mauve” fabrics, without fail, were fabrics she had purchased at discount stores. While she was disappointed as the fabrics faded, she also admitted she didn’t know the differences in fabric quality at the time. Had she known, she said she would have made different fabric purchases due to the amount of time and money she had invested in the quilt. She learned from her own personal experience, and I was also fortunate to learn from her experience before I had made a large investment in my own fabric.

Hopefully by sharing my thoughts here, someone else might be able to pick up some useful information for their own quilting adventure and avoid missteps others have made.

RECIPE CORNER: BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES*20-25 pickling cucumbers, sliced with skin**1 lb. onions, peeled and sliced**½ cup salt**5 cups sugar**5 cups cider vinegar**1½ teaspoons turmeric**2 teaspoons mustard seed**2 teaspoons celery seed**Canning jars and lids*

Place sliced cucumbers and onions together in a large pot or bowl. Gently toss together. Pour salt over cucumbers and onions and toss again. Place a plate on top of cucumbers and onions; put a weight on top of plate (a bag of sugar or flour works well). Let set for at least 3 hours.

Drain off liquid. Put cucumbers and onions in a clean pot. Add sugar, vinegar, turmeric, mustard seed, and celery seed. Mix together well. Bring mixture to a boil. Meanwhile prepare canning jars and lids by boiling for at least 10 minutes.

Continue to boil cucumber and onion mixture until cucumbers turn yellow, about 10 minutes or less. Remove a canning jar from the boiling water; fill with hot pickle mixture. Screw lid on tight. Repeat process for remaining pickle mixture. Lids will seal while cooling. Any jars that do not seal should be placed the refrigerator once cooled.

This recipe is a favorite in the Perry family. Scott's Mom shared the recipe with me years ago. While I don't usually enjoy "sweet" pickles, I enjoy these bread and butter pickles. It has also become a favorite in the Shea side of our family too.

DON'T FORGET for the next meeting...

1. **Money to shop at the Garage Sale**
2. Completed UFOs for UFO Challenge
3. Completed Charity Quilts
4. Items for Show and Tell