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2021 (formerly 2020) Raffle Quilt

Denise Chase

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2021 Charity Quilt

Helen Short

President's Piece

May Day Greetings! All day today this tune from childhood has been in my head:

March Winds blow and they love to tease

April brings the showers

What care I tra la la la

For May is bringing the flowers.

And is it ever! The world of January is a fading memory amidst all this greenery and color.

Perhaps it is the children's springtime ditty that has me remembering the details of a ride on the Merry Go Round at the amusement park. First the scramble to find the best horse (unless you were too short to ride a horse and were condemned to ride seated in the swan boat next to your mother). Then the thud that shuddered through the works as the motor engaged. Then the calliope started and slowly you were on your way. After many spins around, waving to your family as you rode your horse holding on with just one hand, you could sense the second, less jolting thud as the motor disengaged and you coasted silently to a stop – perhaps one or two more rounds before it was time to dismount and hop down to the ground and join your family.

Well, not to put too fine a point on it, that is a little bit like how I am feeling as my term as president of the Guild ends this year. I enjoyed it a great deal, I did start out in the swan boat and now I am gliding to a stop.

But the difference is that here in the Guild there is no family to wave to: we are all on this ride together and we are all the beneficiaries of the energy and effort that so many people put in to sustaining the Guild and keeping it productive and fun. To those of you who contributed to our collective well-being I say Thank You very much. And the same Thank you to everyone who has agreed to provide leadership for the coming year. All of us are in your debt. And to all of us who are reading this letter I want to say that you have a responsibility to say Thank you by stepping up for leadership roles for the coming year and the years after that. Everyone can find a way to help keep this Guild healthy and active. Please be prepared to say yes when someone asks you to help. It is up to all of us to keep the calliope music going and the motor engaged.

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
April 21st, 2021 via Zoom**

John Rouleau called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. There were 37 members in 34 locations joining on Zoom. There were also 6 guests: Gudrun Erla Gisladdottir (GE Designs); Kirk Johnson (GE Designs); Laura Olsen, Nancy Purchase; Ethan Dezotelle (Franklin Homestead & Carriage House); and Nicole Howrigan (Grady's Golden Goodness).

Consent Agenda: Passed on a motion from Sharon Perry, seconded by Deb Trahan.

Chair Reports:

- **2022 Quilt Show:** Planning is moving along for the show next year. The poles have been reserved for April 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2022. Barbara Pratt and Helen Short met with Nancy LaPointe to transfer all the quilt show supplies and to review the timeline for the quilt show planning. Diane Comeau and Gale Weld volunteered to be the Vendor Coordinators. Jean Anne Branch and Becky Mandeville volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinators.
- **Membership:** Penny reported there are 57 paid members.
- **Programs:** May's program will be a lecture on Quilt Restoration by Stephanie McCall. Stephanie's program was rescheduled from last year.
- **Comfort Quilts:** Denise indicated members and nonmembers were continuing to drop off quilts. When quilts are dropped off, Denise is encouraging members to take another kit. She also asked that members call first to make sure she is home. Denise has received several quilts while she was away, and her husband, Jim, could not tell her who had delivered or made the quilts.
- **Round Robin:** April's Virtual Round Robin directions are to do whatever you want to complete the quilt (hopefully quilted and bound) by May. If you're happy with the size, you may leave it as it was completed in March, or you can make it larger. Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin hope members have enjoyed the Virtual Round Robin experience, and they look forward to seeing all the completed projects next month. There will be a 2020-2021 Round Robin category at the 2022 Quilt show. Finished Round Robins should be no larger than 54 by 60.
- **Newsletter:** Sharon Perry stated the deadline is 4/28/2021 to get items to her that need to go in the May Newsletter; that's next Wednesday! She also told members she sends the newsletter to Ali Boren to be posted on the website as earlier as 2 weeks before the monthly meeting, but no later than 1 week before the meeting.

- **Yo-Yo You're Sew Creative Challenge:** Sharon Perry has received pictures for items from 4 members. If you plan to participate, please send a picture of the completed project to Sharon no later than June 6th. Details for the challenge are in the newsletter. If you need yo-yos, contact Nanc Ekiert; she has plenty to share.

- **Sew Alongs:** The next Sew Along is the Cinco de Mayo Sew Along on Sunday, May 2nd. Sharon Perry will be sharing Gudrun's cocktail recipe for her Goody Ultra Margarita. Gudrun warned it was "very ultra!" The Sew Along is like a quilting bee over Zoom. Ideas are shared and lots of fun happens as well as free quilt patterns which are sent out hourly to all members present each hour. Becky Mandeville shared she was enjoying the sew alongs so much with all the camaraderie and interesting conversations, and she hoped they would continue through the summer as well. Becky suggested we could drop the special drawing and all the free patterns sent out and just enjoy the company of fellow members.

The business meeting was suspended for Gudrun Erla Gisladdottir's lecture. Gudrun did not disappoint! She showed many of her quilts, showed some tips to use the Stripology rulers, and introduced us to some of her many teaching videos which can be found on her website [here](#). Gudrun also introduced her husband, Kirk Johnson, AKA Mr. Honey Producer (or Mr. HP). Mr. HP was the man behind the camera making sure Gudrun's presentation went off without a hitch.

John Rouleau resumed the guild's business meeting following Gudrun's presentation.

- **2021 Charity Quilts:** Ethan Dezotelle, Franklin Homestead & Carriage House, and Nicole Howrigan, Grady's Golden Goodness, were in attendance following Gudrun Erla's Stripology Lecture to accept the 2 Charity Quilts which the guild donated. Both organizations will be using the quilts for their fundraising efforts.
- **Show and Tell** of both Comfort Quilts and other quilts members have made.

Sharon Perry made a motion seconded by Beth Brault to end the business meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Some members stayed on Zoom to work on the 2021-2022 Slate of Officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Short, Secretary

***Happy 30th Birthday to the
Franklin County Quilters Guild***

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2021**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- May 19, 2021**

Opening Balance \$6,587.18

Funds collected

Michelle Hiatt workshop	\$60.00
Donation	\$50.00
Membership	\$20.00

Total Funds Collected \$130.00

\$6,717.18

Funds paid out

GE Designs, April Zoom Stripology Mixology presentation	\$800.00
Sharon Perry, Gift cards for monthly mtgs Nov, Dec, Feb & Mar	\$100.00
CaDi Corners, Gift card for monthly mtg Apr	\$25.00
Quilts By Commission, May Zoom Lecture w/Stephanie McCall	\$150.00

Total Funds Paid Out \$1,075.00

Grand Total \$5,642.18

2021 YTD Collections: \$646.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

SEW ALONG DAYS WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER

Members are enjoying the sew alongs so much members have asked for even more to include during the week. Starting in June, guild sew alongs will be held on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Thursday of each month. Here's the schedule for June, July, and August:

Sunday, June 13th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, June 24th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday, July 11th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, July 22nd, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday, August 8th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday, August 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Happy Mother's Day



RECIPE CORNER: RHUBARB CRISP

6 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
 2 ½ to 3 pounds rhubarb, trimmed, tough strings removed, and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces (about 5 to 6 cups)
 ¼ cup white sugar
 1 tablespoon orange or lemon juice
 1 teaspoon orange or lemon zest
 ¾ cup brown sugar
 ½ cup all-purpose flour
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon, or to taste
 Pinch salt
 ½ cup rolled oats
 ½ cup pecans

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease an 8- or 9-inch square baking or gratin dish with a little butter. Toss rhubarb with white sugar, orange or lemon juice and zest, and spread in baking dish.

Put the 6 tablespoons butter in a food processor along with brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt, and pulse for about 20 or 30 seconds, until it looks like small peas and just begins to clump together. Add oats and pecans and pulse just a few times to combine.

Crumble the topping over rhubarb and bake until golden and beginning to brown, 45 to 50 minutes.

RECIPE CORNER: RHUBARB SCONES

1 ¼ cups whole wheat pastry flour
 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
 ½ cup sugar
 1 tablespoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon ground cardamom
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
 1 ½ cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed (3-4 stalks)
 ½ cup heavy whipping cream
 ¼ cup fat-free milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Coarse sugar

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, whisk the first 6 ingredients. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add rhubarb; toss to coat.

In another bowl, whisk cream, milk and vanilla; stir into crumb mixture just until moistened.

Turn onto a floured surface; knead gently 4-5 times. Divide dough in half; pat into two 6-in. circles. Cut each into 8 wedges. Place wedges on parchment-lined

baking sheets; sprinkle with coarse sugar. Bake 18-22 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

RECIPE CORNER:

SLOW-COOKED STRAWBERRY RHUBARB SAUCE

6 cups rhubarb, chopped into ½-inch pieces
 1 cup sugar
 ½ teaspoon grated orange zest
 ½ teaspoon ground ginger
 1 cinnamon stick (3 inches)
 ½ cup white grape juice
 2 cups halved, unsweetened strawberries
 Angel food cake, pound cake or vanilla ice cream

Place rhubarb in a 3-qt. slow cooker. Combine sugar, orange zest and ginger; sprinkle over rhubarb. Add cinnamon stick and grape juice. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until rhubarb is tender.

Stir in strawberries; cook 1 hour longer. Discard cinnamon stick. Serve with cake or ice cream.

RECIPE CORNER: RHUBARB RELISH

12 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
 1 medium onion, chopped
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup cider vinegar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 1 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/4 teaspoon paprika
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Rinse four 2-cup freezer containers and lids with boiling water. Dry thoroughly.

In a large saucepan, combine all ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until mixture thickens, about 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

Fill all containers to within 1/2 in. of tops. Wipe off top edges of containers; cover with lids. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze extra containers up to 12 months. Thaw frozen relish in refrigerator before serving.






Join in the fun and make 21 quilted projects by the end of 2021 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2021. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 21 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 21 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***21 Finishes in 2021*** AND you must send a picture of each project for one of the guild's monthly show and tell on Zoom. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***21 Finishes in 2021!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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Yo-Yo You're Sew Creative 2021 Challenge

UPDATE: If you have used the email link in this article in previous newsletters to send in your entry, please send it again using the corrected email link below.

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 up to 10, 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 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 raffle will be held 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 name and return address so Penny can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

MAKING QUILT LABELS USING FABRIC AND FUSIBLE INTERFACING

Something all quilters should do when making a quilt, but many do not, is attach a label to every quilt you make. Laurel Schaap came across a different way to make quilt labels using fabric for the label and fusible interfacing. You can read the article [here](#).

The author suggests including the following information when creating the label: name of the quilt; your name; your city and state; and state the name of the quilter (if you didn't quilt it yourself); and the year of completion.

2022 RAFFLE QUILT

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

ENTERED INTO 2021 VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL

The guild received word in April the guild's 2022 Raffle Quilt, pictured above, has been accepted as an entry into this year's Vermont Quilt Festival which will be held virtually at the end of June. Be sure to register [here](#) for the Quilt Contest Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, June 16th, to see if the raffle quilt wins any awards. It is a FREE event but requires registration in advance.



Shirley	Babcock	May	3 rd
Frances	Morong	May	6 th
Rolande	Fortin	May	19 th
Kay	Courson	May	20 th
Connie	Lane	May	30 th
Jennifer	Thompson	May	31 st



Be sure to send in a picture of your completed Virtual Round Robin quilt for the big reveal during Show and Tell at this month's meeting on Zoom. When sending in your picture, please identify it as your round robin entry.

MAY GUILD MEETING FEATURES STEPHANIE McCALL, QUILT RESTORATION EXPERT

Stephanie McCall is our presenter for May 19th. She will speak about quilt restoration. Stephanie writes, "I am very excited to share my quilt restoration lecture and Zoom trunk show with your guild. Apparently sewing is an apocalyptic skill, and last year my business grew 220%! With many people cleaning out their attics, amazing stashed away vintage quilts were found and are in need of restoration. This is the perfect time to showcase how to make fixes on these lovely heirlooms.

If there are any of your members interested in personal meetings to talk about quilts that they have, I can schedule Zoom meetings with them either that day or in the days to come after the meeting. For a consultation like this, I charge \$8.00, which can be sent through the Venmo app (code is: @StephanieMcCallquilts) or by mailing a check ahead of our scheduled zoom meeting (342 Clark Street, Auburn, NY 13021).

If there are any specific questions, please have them email me their question so I make sure to talk about it in the lecture, otherwise I will leave plenty of time after the lecture and before the trunk show to answer any questions. You can always reach me at my cell phone 315-313-0755."



GUILD CELEBRATES 30TH "BIRTHDAY"

Our June meeting will be a celebration of 30 years as a guild. Nanc Ekiert and Sharon Perry have been busy collecting lots of fun donations from quilting businesses across the country to help us celebrate this milestone in the guild's history.

Part of the fun will be the Yo-Yo You're Sew Creative Challenge. Be making something creative with your 10 yo-yos.

Who knows what we will be allowed to do in June. Stay tuned true believers!



2021-2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS:

President: Laurel Schaap

Vice President: Teri Brunelle

Treasurer: Deb Dusablon

Secretary: Helen Bicknell

Programs:** _____

Project Comeau: Diane Comeau and Helen Short

Quilt Show: Barb Pratt and Helen Short

Membership: Penny LaRochelle

Newsletter: Sharon Perry

Website: Ali Boren

Comfort Quilts: Denise Chase

2022 Charity Quilt: Denise Chase

2023 Raffle Quilt: _____

**A guild member has expressed an interest in being the Program Director but wants to have another member to work with her/him to plan programs for the next 2 years. The 2nd member would then become the Program Director next year.



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 May meeting, photos should be sent to Sharon no later than Sunday, May 16th.**

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 May 19th meeting will be sent out on Wednesday, May 12th.**

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 bumbershoot 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, 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.

MAY WORD SEARCH

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 BARBECUE
 TAPS
 JOCKEY
 GREEN UP DAY
 FLOWER MOON
 GEMINI
 LILACS
 GRATITUDE
 EMERALD
 FLAG
 PARADE
 SALLY RIDE
 MOTHERS DAY

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, May 26th, 2021**

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



"May: the lilacs are in bloom. Forget yourself." —Marty Rubin