

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Great demos Denise, Sharon and Bonnie. I'm going to try the mitered borders and the measuring technique on my next quilt. Thanks for sharing your talents. And thanks to everyone who shared a tip!

As we end our 2010-2011 year, I'd like to thank all the officers and committee chairs who gave their time and talent to make this year a success – Sandi Maynard, Kay Benedict, Deb Dusablon, Summer Ladd, Judy Hamilton, Carol Stanley, Susie Perry, Deb Aylward, Roberta Gilmour, Alyce Bushey, Denise Chase, Joanne Sweet, Pat Johnson, Jen Letourneau, Rose Terrill, Sharon Perry, Jen Martin, Lorraine Pike, Nancy Orcutt, Peg Burbank, Sally Krupp, Nadine Froebel, Bonnie Evans, Gail Darling, Gerda Thibault and everyone helping in the background. Thank you all for everything. Volunteers are critical to the success of the guild, so please know all the members **appreciate** your contributions!

Our June meeting is going to be action packed beginning with our potluck. Bring a favorite dish, either main course or dessert for all to enjoy. All UFOs are due, BOM, Teacup Auction Contributions and Show and Tell for the 3', 5' 10' square fabric swap. Our task was to use the fabric in a square or project of our chose.

Finally, I'd like to kick off our Turning Twenty Challenge. Our 20th anniversary is a momentous milestone that goes beyond a birthday cake and an acknowledgment from the Mayor (which was very special). We'd like to encourage all members to make a Turning Twenty quilt, in any color you'd like, to be displayed at the April 2012 Quilt Show along with a history of the guild. If you start now, you'll have 10 months to complete your quilt!

Our June 15th meeting begins at 6 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm.

See you then. 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

April 2nd – 3rd Quilt Show

2010 – 2011 Guild Calendar

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of May 18, 2011

Present: Total attended 40, including three guests.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of April 20, 2011 meeting, motion to accept by Roseanne Terrill, seconded by Summer Ladd.

Treasurer's Report: motion to accept by Nancy Orcutt, seconded by Bonnie Evans.

Old Business:

- Nominating Committee - Slate of Officers/ Chairpersons was printed on the back of the agenda. Most open positions were filled at the meeting.
- Charity Quilt 2012 - Ann has sent letters to two nonprofit organizations. Deadline is June 10. To be voted at the next meeting.
- Charity Quilt 2011 was presented to Kris Lukens-Rose of Laurie's House.
- It was clarified that each guild member is asked to contribute at least one charity quilt per year neither one per month nor one per charity).

New Business:

- An orphan quilt was donated for the Thomas Cook Fundraiser.
- Gerda Thibault brought six orphan quilts for Alyce Bushey to distribute to Home Health. Two orphan quilts are still on reserve to use as needed.

Block of the Month:

- Nancy Orcutt was the winner of the monthly BOM raffle.
- Instructions for the June block were on the tables and will be in the newsletter on our website. Colors to use are dark or medium blue, aqua or soft green, on white background.
- Suggestions for next year's Block of the Month?

Other Monthly Drawings:

- Monthly door prize won by Kay Benedict
- Charity quilt raffle won by Bonnie Evans

Show and Tell: Charity quilts, followed by other quilts and projects

Program: Member tips and tricks

- Denise Chase demonstrated mitered corners.
- Sharon Perry shared techniques for straight, flat borders.

- Bonnie Evans demonstrated string piecing, and several uses for Fray Check and fusible products.
- Other members offered assorted tips and tricks.

Next meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Pot luck supper, teacup auction, fabric swap project reveal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary.



**SUMMER BREAK
FOR THE SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE**

This is the last edition of the Sugarhouse Gazette for this membership year. The publication of the Gazette will resume in September. The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is Wednesday, August 31st. Enjoy the summer, and we'll look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

QUILT TIPS

- For a great way to keep your cutting mat clean, just use a sponge/scour pad you can get at the dollar store. The scouring pad works great for cleaning the little threads left behind. Just be careful you don't scrub off the lines on your mat.
- To keep your sewing machine pedal from sliding across the floor, Use rubber matting, like you use under your fine china. "Double-stick" tape a piece to the underside of your pedal.
- Create your own fabric! Just put whatever you want on top of your color scanner/printer and put a piece of white fabric over it. (It will have a white background, or if you want put a piece of colored fabric over it and really spice it up!) Iron a piece of white muslin to freezer paper, cut down to 8 1/2" x 11", and run it through your printer. You have now created your own fabric; just **be sure your printer ink is permanent.** You can use pictures, fruit, anything that will sit on the printer area!!!! It works great!



JUNE 2011 BLOCK OF THE MONTH PATTERN: PINWHEEL STAR

Pattern from www.quilterscache.com

Color 1: dark or medium blue; **Color 2:** aqua or soft green; **Color 3:** white on white. **Additional instructions:** This is a paper-pieced pattern. Be sure to set your printer margins as described in the pattern AND check to make sure the 1" test square measures 1 inch!!!

If you have any questions, call Judy Hamilton 893-3875.

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

QUILT TIPS FROM GUILD MEMBERS FROM MAY GUILD MEETING

May's program was tips and techniques from guild members. We enjoyed several demos from three members and many more tips from other members.

Denise Chase provided instructions on how to add a mitered border to your quilt. Her demo was clear, concise, and simple to follow. However, it would be extremely difficult to capture her demo with words, but here's a video which you can watch: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uUh7MbELkXs&feature=related>

Sharon Perry followed Denise's demo with a quick demo of a technique to measure the length of your borders without using a tape measure. This newsletter editor will include Sharon's technique in a future newsletter.

Bonnie Evans provided a demo and several useful tips. Her demo was on string piecing. Here's a video on Youtube which you can watch to see the technique: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TQW8q-Nb50>

Bonnie's tips were: using **Fray Check** to keep applique from fraying, especially on inside points; doing applique using an invisible raw-edge technique; and using lightweight interfacing strips to join pieces of batting together. Watch this video series and see Sue Nickels demo her raw-edge technique on Simply Quilts: Part 1 - <http://www.hgtv.com/video/raw-edge-applique-video/index.html> ; Part 2 - <http://www.hgtv.com/video/raw-edge-applique2-video/index.html> ; Part 3 - <http://www.hgtv.com/video/raw-edge-applique4-video/index.html> ; Part 4 - <http://www.hgtv.com/video/raw-edge-applique6-video/index.html>

Nancy Orcutt shared a tip to score the paper on fusibles with a pin or seam ripper to help remove the paper.

Mary Ellen Thierren sent a tip with Elaine Magnan. Mary Ellen's tip is to wet the needle, and NOT the thread, to easily thread your needle.

Elaine Magnan shared an inexpensive tip to sharpen your scissors and rotary cutter. Crumple up a piece of aluminum foil and cut through it 5 to 6 times with your scissors or rotary cutter. You'll be surprised to see how much sharper they are.

Bev Cook shared a tip to spray starch your binding.

Je Letourneau showed a beer cozy on a shoe string which she uses to wind her binding. Jen also made a bag on a hanger for threads and snippets as you sew.

Finally, Sally Krupp shared a tip to use dental floss threader (those plastic loop things) to thread your longarm.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR SHARING YOUR TIPS AND TECHNIQUES!!!

JUNE 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

**The treasurer's report was not available before publication of this newsletter.
Deb Dusablon will have that report at the May guild meeting.**

DID YOU KNOW???

June is Aquarium Month, Fight the Filthy Fly Month, and Rose Month.

June's flower is the Rose or Honeysuckle. The birthstone is the pearl, moonstone or alexandrite, and its astrological signs are Gemini, May 21st - June 21st, and Cancer, June 22nd - July 22nd.

The Moon this month is called Flower Moon, Rose Moon, and Strawberry Moon.

Some notable historical events in May:

- On June 5th, 1968, Bobby Kennedy was assassinated in California.
- On June 14th, 1775, the U. S. Army was formed, and on the following day George Washington was appointed the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army.
- On June 18th, 1873, women's rights advocate Susan B. Anthony was arrested for voting in Rochester, NY. And on the same day 110 years later in 1983, Sally Ride became the first woman in space.
- On June 19th, 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after an 83-day filibuster.
- On June 26th, 1959, the Saint Lawrence Seaway was opened.

FABRIC SWAP REVEALED

Back in February, some guild members participated in a Scrap Swap. Those guild members were challenged to make a quilted item with the scraps they chose. The Reveal of the Scrap Swap is scheduled for the June meeting. So if you participated in the swap, be sure to bring in what you made and show the rest of the membership.

POTLUCK AND TEACUP AUCTION AT THE JUNE MEETING

The June meeting is the last guild meeting for this membership year. And as is the tradition, we will end the year with a potluck dinner and teacup auction.

Activities for the evening will begin at 6:00 pm, starting with dinner. So make your favorite dish to share, and bring your "gently-used" quilt-related items for the auction. Plan to spend the evening eating, shopping, and talking with friends.

LIBRARY NEWS

Books recently added to our library shelves include:

- 101 Fabulous Rotary-Cut Quilts (Judy Hopkins & Nancy J. Martin)
- American Patchwork and Quilting (Better Homes & Gardens)
- Come Listen to My Quilts (Kristina Becker)
- Everyday Angels in Extraordinary Quilts (Mary Lou Weidman)
- Lap Quilting (Georgia Bonesteel)
- Voices of the Past: A History of Women's Lives in Patchwork (Kaye England)

Magazines added to our collection:

- Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting* - 13 back issues (2006-2009)
- American Patchwork & Quilting* - 12 issues (2004-2008)
- Quilt Sampler* - 4 issues (2005-2006)

THANKS to everyone who has made donations to our growing library!

If you have an item borrowed from our collection, please return at the next meeting.

If you would like to borrow an item, email kayben1@yahoo.com.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, August 31st, 2011

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

**SLATE OF GUILD OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS
FOR 2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

The following slate of officers and committee chairs is provided for guild members' review. The election will take place at the June meeting. Thank you to all the members who have agreed to serve the guild next year. There are still two vacancies: Quilt Show Co-Chairs; and 2012 Charity Quilt.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NOMINATED MEMBER</u>
President	Ann Goergen-Jacobs
Vice President	Roseanne Terrill
Secretary	Kay Benedict
Treasurer	Deb Dusablon
Newsletter	Sharon Perry
Librarian	Kay Benedict
Programs	Summer Ladd
Membership Chair	Nancy Orcutt
State Guild Representative	Sharon Perry
Project Coordinators	Carol Stanley & Judith Hamilton
Quilt Show Co-Chairs (2)	
<u>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</u>	
Raffle Quilt 2013	Sharon Perry, Denise Chase, & Dale McFeeters
Charity Quilt 2012	
Breast Cancer Quilts	Joanne Sweet
Family Center & Home Health Quilts	Alyce Bushey
Laurie's House Quilts	Denise Chase
Orphan Blocks	Gerda Thibault
Purple Heart Quilts	Jen Letourneau
Quilts of Valor	Roseanne Terrill

**TURNING TWENTY CHALLENGE
IN CELEBRATION OF THE GUILD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

As guild members may recall, the guild celebrated its 20th anniversary in February. To continue the celebration, guild members are challenged to make a quilt in any color choice using the Turning Twenty pattern or the Turning Twenty Again pattern. The challenge quilts will be displayed in a special exhibit at the 2012 Quilt Show. If you have any questions, please talk to Summer Ladd.

QUILT TIPS

- Whenever you draft an original pattern or make changes in an existing pattern, always work without seam allowances. Figure the math (or drawings) on your borders, blocks or whatever first, then add the seam allowances. This will minimize confusion and lets you concentrate on design.
- When piecing by machine, use a thread of slightly darker color in the bobbin. Doing this will make your "reverse sewing" (if necessary) easier.
- Glue small pieces of sandpaper on the backs of your rulers to keep them from slipping on the fabric when rotary cutting.
- Keep your old rotary cutter and mat if you buy a new one. I use the old one to cut paper patterns, photos or other craft things.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL, June 24th – 26th, 2011: At the Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Junction, VT. Show Hours: Friday & Saturday, 9 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm. Admission: \$12; Two-Day Pass, \$21; Three-Day Pass, \$28; discounts for seniors and groups. For more information, visit www.vqf.org

MAINE QUILTS, July 29th – 31st, 2011: At the Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME. Show Hours: Friday, 9 am – 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$8; multi-day, \$12. For more information, visit www.mainequilts.org/Quilt_Show/index.html

WORLD QUILT SHOW – NEW ENGLAND, August 18th – 21st, 2011: At The Radisson Center of New Hampshire, Manchester, NH. Show Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$12; \$10 on Sunday only. For more information, visit www.quiltfest.com

Don't forget to bring:
Favorite Potluck Dish
Items for Teacup Auction
Scrap Swap Quilted Item
Completed Block of the Month
Items for Show and Tell

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