

Franklin County Quilters Guild

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Greetings quilters, one and all. As I write to you I have in mind the form and functions of our meetings when we could meet in person. The corona virus has turned a switch and shut those times of camaraderie down, perhaps until next spring, when we can be confident that a vaccine is going to protect us.

Meanwhile, some projects that we were working on have been sidelined to limbo, where they sit, waiting to come back to life. As you will read here in this bonus edition of the Sugarhouse Gazette, Sharon Perry, Lucie Fortin, Helen Bicknell and Diane Comeau are making plans to bring the Brown Bag Challenge and the Block of the Month project to a close. Perhaps you have been working right along on those projects but I have to confess that I have not done a thing since we stopped meeting.

Those of us who have tried Zooming seem to have enjoyed it, with all of its restrictions and confinement. I hope we can have more such meetings in the future. I expect that our August Executive Committee meeting will be held via Zoom.

So, the gladiolas are in full bloom and the first Early Girl tomatoes are ready this week. High Summer is upon us. I hope the birds are waking you early through your windows and the smell of fresh cut hay wafts past your porch once in a while.

Meanwhile, I've gotta go. I think I remember which shelf my brown bag challenge project is sitting on.

Best Wishes,

John Rouleau, 2019 - 2020 President

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social

October 18th Beyond Fabulous: Rotary
Cut Appliqué with Sue Pelland

October 19th Hearts and More
Workshop with Sue Pelland

November 20th Intro to Art Quilts:
Art Possibilities with

Kay Benedict and Nanc Ekiert

November 23rd Ornament Workshop

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

December 18th Holiday Potluck Party

January 15th Project Linus
with Joyce Irvine

February 19th Cathedral Windows
with Denise Chase

March 18th Batik with Amanda Bates
CANCELLED (CNX)

April 3rd Quilt Show Set-Up (CNX)

2019 – 2020 Guild Calendar

April 4th – 5th Quilt Show (CNX)

April 17th Quilt Restoration (CNX)

April 18th Make Your Own Pattern
(CNX)

May 20th Trunk Show (CNX)

May 23rd Workshop (CNX)

June 17th Potluck & Teacup Auction
(CNX)

**RECIPE CORNER:
BLUEBERRY DESSERT**

Layer 1:

1 c. flour
1 c. chopped nuts
1 stick (½ c.) butter or margarine, melted

Layer 2:

2 (8-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
2 c. powdered sugar
2 sm. containers Cool Whip (divided)

Layer 3:

5 cups homemade blueberry pie filling (or 2 cans blueberry pie filling)

Preheat oven to 350°F.

For Layer 1, mix together flour, nuts and butter. Press into bottom of 9"x13" buttered baking pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool and set aside.

For Layer 2, mix together cream cheese and powdered sugar; blend until smooth. Fold in 2 c. Cool Whip, blending well. Spread over Layer 1 evenly. Chill in refrigerator while preparing next filling.

For Layer 3, pour blueberry pie filling over Layer 2. Return to refrigerator for 1 hour. Top with remaining Cool Whip and chill in refrigerator for 2 additional hours.

Layer 3 can be substituted with 2 small pkgs. instant pudding (choice of flavor) prepared according to pie filling directions or with other flavors of homemade or canned fruit pie filling.

**RECIPE CORNER:
BLUEBERRY BLINTZES**

For the blintzes:

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs
1 cup milk
¼ tsp salt
Butter for frying

For the filling:

1½ cups cottage cheese or ricotta
1 cup fresh or thawed frozen blueberries (reserve about ¼ cup for garnish)
2 tablespoons bread crumbs
2 tablespoons sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Powdered sugar for garnish, optional

For the blintzes, combine the flour, eggs, milk, and salt in an electric blender and process until smooth. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Melt a small amount of butter in a crepe pan or 8-inch (20 cm) non-stick skillet over moderate heat. Pour in just enough batter to coat the bottom of the pan and cook on both sides until light golden brown. Turn onto a plate and repeat to make the remaining blintzes.

Combine the filling ingredients and stir to mix thoroughly. Place a spoonful on each blintz, fold the ends towards the center and roll up. Melt a little butter in a sauté pan and sauté the blintzes until golden on both sides. Garnish with reserved blueberries and powdered sugar if desired. Serves 6 to 8.

**RECIPE CORNER:
SCOTT'S BLUEBERRY DAIQUIRIS**

1 (6-oz.) can frozen limeade concentrate
8 oz. frozen blueberries
6 oz. rum
1 teaspoon sugar
Ice/Water
Lime, sugar and fresh blueberries as garnish

In a blender, mix together limeade, blueberries, rum and sugar. Blend on high. Add ice/water as needed. Cut lime into wedges. Run wedge along rim of glass. Dip rim into sugar. Pour daiquiri into glass. Garnish with fresh blueberries and/or lime wedge.



2020 – 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President – John Rouleau
- Vice President – Teri Brunelle
 - Secretary – Helen Short
 - Treasurer – Deb Dusablon
 - Newsletter – Sharon Perry
- Librarian – **VACANT (STATUS TBD)**
 - Membership – Penny LaRoche
- Project Coordinator – Helen Bicknell & Lucie Fortin
 - Programs – Natalie Wood & **VACANT**
 - Quilt Show Co-Chairs – **VACANT**
- Charity Quilt Coordinator – Denise Chase

THE NEED IS REAL...GUILD IN NEED OF 2021 QUILT SHOW CHAIR(S)

As mentioned above, Nancy LaPointe and Rolande Fortin are both stepping down as the Quilt Show Chairs. For Nancy, the 2020 show would have been the fifth show with Nancy at the helm as one of the Quilt Show Chairs. With Nancy's departure from the job, the guild will have some big shoes to fill. With that in mind and knowing the guild will not be meeting before September at the earliest, Sharon Perry is still working to update the resources the guild has to guide the Quilt Show Chair along the way for a successful show. Ultimately those resources will be posted on the guild's website so any interested members can look the materials over and see what the job entails. Maybe by seeing the resources available and the specific responsibilities of the position beforehand, a guild member might be willing to step up for the job.

GUILD MIGHT BE ZOOM-ING FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR...SO STAY TUNED

Since much uncertainty remains about COVID-19 and the vast majority of the guild's membership is in the vulnerable age group and/or has underlying health issues, it looks like the guild might be meeting via the Zoom platform for the foreseeable future to keep all the members safe. Additionally there are some members who have expressed a reluctance to attend in-person meetings until COVID-19 has been resolved through wide availability of a vaccine or widespread herd immunity.

The guild's executive board will be meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6:30 pm, to discuss how to structure the 2020-2021 membership in the era of COVID-19. John Rouleau will be sending out an email to those invited to the executive board meeting in the near future.

Once the executive board and committee chairs meet and have a chance to brainstorm and discuss how to run guild meetings on Zoom, more information will be sent out via email and the guild's newsletter, the Sugarhouse Gazette. The first newsletter for the 2020-2021 membership year should be available in early September.

IMPROMPTU GUILD GET-TOGETHER VIA ZOOM

ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, AT 6:30 PM

JOIN US IF YOU CAN...

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL



2021 Raffle Quilt

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

WE WANT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Penny LaRoche has agreed to coordinate the raffle ticket sales for the 2020 – 2021 membership year. Members can send the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Penny LaRoche, 40 Meade Road, Fairfax, VT 05454. Be sure to include your return address on the envelope so Penny can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry



Summertime Blooms

BROWN BAG CHALLENGE

For those participating in the Brown Bag Challenge, you may recall the challenge bags were supposed to be returned and revealed at the June meeting. Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin hope you have continued to work on the projects and have yours finished or almost finished.

As a reminder, here are the participants for the Brown Bag Challenge:

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| Kay Benedict | Diane Kane |
| Helen Bicknell | Krissy Kilburn |
| Jean Anne Branch | Nancy LaPointe |
| Beth Brault | Penny LaRoche |
| Teri Brunelle | Mary Jane Marchelewicz |
| Susan Burns | Frances Morong |
| Cathy Carlson | Linda Nadeau |
| JoAnne Champagne | John Gubbins Rouleau |
| Diane Comeau | Helen Short |
| Lucie Fortin | Carol Stanley |
| Nadine Froebel | Deb Trahan |
| Natalie Good | |

Participants are asked to finish the challenge, if not already done, and to drop their completed projects off at Diane Comeau’s home at 20 Diamond Street in St. Albans no later than September 2nd. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE OWNER’S NAME AND YOUR NAME IN THE BAG.** Diane will have a container on the porch for you to leave Brown Bag Challenge in. But, you might want to call Diane first at 310-1837 and let her know you’ll be stopping by. Why you ask? Did you know Diane has a quilt shop in her basement filled with lots of fabric and notions? Diane also teaches classes at her shop. She’d be happy to show you around if you let her know you’ll stopping by in advance.

Lucie and Helen will pick all the challenges and take pictures of all the projects and organizing them to return to the owner. The projects will be available for owners to pick up at Diane’s house any time on or after September 14th. Please call Diane at 310-1837 to arrange a convenient time for you to stop by to pick up the completed project made for you. And as above, Diane might show you around her shop if you ask.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH CONTINUES

Helen Bicknell and Lucie Fortin, the guild's project coordinators, have heard from members that they have continued to make the monthly Block of the Month. Those members were also wondering if there would be drawings for all the blocks.

If you've been making the Block of the Month each month and would like to add your blocks to the monthly drawing, please put all your blocks, along with your name, in a Ziploc bag. You can drop off the bag with your blocks at Diane Comeau's home at 20 Diamond Street in St. Albans no later than September 2nd. Helen and Lucie will pick up all the blocks and take pictures. They will draw a winner for each month's blocks. The winners will be notified by email. The winners will be able to pick up their blocks at Diane's house any time on or after September 14th. Please call Diane at 310-1837 to arrange a convenient time for you to stop by to pick up the blocks.

As a reminder, you can always ask Diane if you can visit her basement quilt shop when you stop by to pick up your blocks. All you need to do is call and ask.

WANT A FEEL-GOOD STORY ABOUT A DARING QUILT SHOP OWNER IN FLORIDA?

This newsletter editor was looking for some interesting news in the quilting world during the pandemic and stumbled across a headline which piqued my interest. The headline read, "Small quilt business opens and is surviving during pandemic."

For your reading pleasure, here's the link to the entire article: https://www.yoursun.com/englewood/small-quilt-business-opens-and-is-surviving-during-pandemic/article_aeb2415c-d800-11ea-b323-af8193301e32.html
When we're able to travel safely, I think this quilt shop will be on my list to visit next time I'm in Florida.

MISSING ALL THOSE SUMMER QUILT SHOWS?

COVID-19 has resulted in the cancellation of most all the quilt shows this summer to include the Vermont Quilt Festival. If you're someone who is really missing all those shows, you're in luck.

Mancuso is hosting the Online Quilt Festival, August 12th – 15th. While almost all of the workshops are full, you can still "attend" the show for a suggested donation/admission fee of \$8. However, the \$8 donation/fee is not required. The Online Quilt Festival opens at 10:00 am, Wednesday, August 12th, and runs 24 hours a day through 11:00 pm, Saturday, August 15th. Please note all times are EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). For more information, visit <https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/online-quilt-festival/>.



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.barnquiltsofnorthernvermont.org/>.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, August 26th, 2020

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