

Franklin County Quilter's Guild

NEWSLETTER

St. Albans, Vermont



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There's a chill in the air as I write this message. Summer is slowly drawing to a close as the days grow shorter. I just hope there's time left for all my green tomatoes to ripen. By the way, did we really have a summer? I finally had an air-conditioning unit installed in my quilting studio in June. After the installation, I told Scott we would have one of the coolest summers on record. So despite what few really warm days we had, I was able to keep on quilting. I wish I could say I finished a lot of quilts while enjoying the A/C, but alas my summer held other adventures for me, some fun, and some not so fun.

I'm anxious to begin our new membership year and catch up on all your quilting news. Although we didn't have a meeting in July or August, there were several workshops over the break. Sally McIntyre met her goal to have the raffle quilt finished, quilting and all, by the September meeting with "a little help from her friends." Bonnie Evans organized a very successful workshop to make kits for the breast cancer quilts; those kits will be available for sign out at the September meeting. Since there are a limited number, first priority for a kit will go to those members who cut and assembled them. We're hoping to have assembled enough kits to meet all the requests.

Shireen Melton has another fun year planned for us; take a look at the schedule of programs on page four. And while you reviewing the program schedule, take a moment to fill out the attached membership form, and bring the form, along with \$15 (cash or check payable to FCQG), to the September meeting. Doing so will save time at the membership table.

See you on the 19th. Until then, happy quilting...

MEETINGS

2007

September 19

October 17

November 16*

December 19

2008

January 16

February 11*

March 10*

April 16

May 16*

June 18

September 17

October 15

Meetings held at Church of the Rock, St. Albans, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (exceptions noted). Doors open at 6:30 pm; meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

ANOTHER UFO CHALLENGE???

There were many requests to continue the UFO challenge. This year's rules are still being determined, but find nine more UFOs you want to complete and make your list. We'll let you know how the challenge will work at the September meeting.

LESS BUSINESS AND MORE FUN!!!

You asked for it, and you got it. When we solicited input for future programs in June, several members asked for shorter business meetings leaving more time for the fun parts of the evening. At its first meeting, the executive board brain-stormed for a few minutes and came up with several suggestions to meet that goal. Many of the ideas are easy to institute, but some will require everyone's cooperation.

The doors at the Church of the Rock are usually open by 6:00 pm on our meeting nights. Members are welcome to arrive anytime after 6:00 pm. The "social" hour starts at 6:30 pm. From 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm, members should: sign up for the various drawings (BOM and door prizes); pick up name tags; review the information in the meeting packet (especially the secretary's and treasurer's reports); and be ready to start the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm. You'll be given a 10- and 5-minute warning starting in September. It's important that you sign up for the drawings before the meeting starts since we'll be drawing names during the meeting. We will no longer stop prior to the drawings to have members enter their names.

The business meeting will start at 7:00 pm. We'll prioritize the business topics and cover only those which need to be discussed each month. Deb Dusablon will no longer read the treasurer's report. There will also be a "timer" in the audience to keep any discussions moving. Also we'll no longer read the announcements included in the agenda, but only ask for any other announcements.

Hopefully with these changes, we'll all be able to have more fun and enjoy more quilts!!!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL...BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

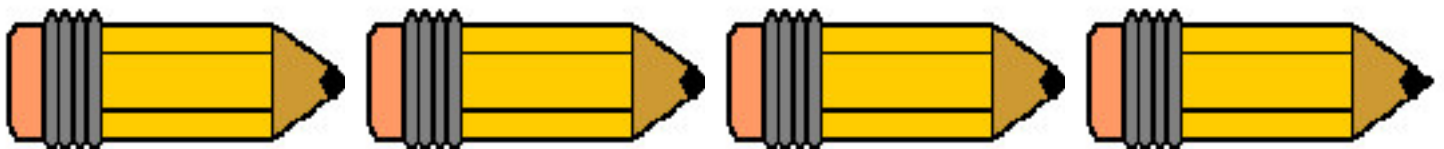
Everyone enjoyed the ice cream social so much last year that we decided to do it again in September. The guild will purchase the ice cream, and the executive board will provide all the condiments. Right now the list includes whipped cream, hot fudge, brownies, bananas, nuts, sprinkles/candies, caramel, and butterscotch to name a few. All the members have to bring is a beverage and room for dessert. The guild will also provide bottled water, bowls, flatware and napkins. And Shireen has some fun games planned to start the new membership year.

Remember to come early for the September meeting. There's so much to do at the first meeting such as paying dues and getting caught up with all your quilting friends.

OCTOBER QUILTING BEE

Marilynn Jessiman will host the October Quilting Bee in Bakersfield on the first weekend in October. She'll be providing more details at our September meeting. If you'd like to attend, please let Marilyn know at the meeting or call her at 827-3199.

If you'd be interested in having a "quilting bee" in your community, let Sharon Perry know. We only ask that you find a free-of-charge space available in your area and reserve it for guild members to use.



Quiltpink

QUILTING BEE

On Saturday, September 22nd, guild members will gather together to celebrate the nationally organized Quilt Pink™ Day as the kick-off for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Bonnie Evans has spent the summer purchasing fabric. She organized a workshop on September 1st to cut the fabric and put together kits. Those kits will be available for sign out at the September meeting. We will be quilting at the Northwestern Medical Center (NMC) Conference Room from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Plan to join us for a day filled with camaraderie and good company as we make quilts for breast cancer survivors in our communities!



NEEDED: NEW KEEPER OF ORPHAN BLOCKS

Last year, Bonnie Evans took over as keeper of the Orphan Block Box. However with the huge success of the Breast Cancer Survivor Quilts, Bonnie wants to "pass the box" to another guild member. If you're interested in collecting orphan blocks from guild members and having fun making quilts from them, please call Bonnie Evans, 868-7168, or Sharon Perry, 326-3135.



2nd ANNUAL TENT SALE

Sew Many Treasures, at 8016 Williston Road in Williston, will be having its annual tent sale. Sale dates are Saturday, September 29th, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm and Sunday, September 30th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. There will be great deals under the tent including first quality fabrics for \$3.00-\$6.25 per yard! There will also be PFAFF sewing machine specials, discounts on new fabrics, door prizes, food and SEW MUCH MORE! Come and enjoy these great savings just in time for autumn sewing. For more information, please the shop at 802-878-3373.



QUILT SHOW CELEBRATES MILESTONE

In 2008, we'll be organizing the guild's 10th annual quilt show; Sally McIntyre and Bonnie Evans will serve as co-chairs for this milestone event. There are many ideas to mark the event, including a two-day show. Sally and Bonnie will keep us posted as the year progresses...and did we mention that WE NEED QUILTS!!!!

PROGRAMS FOR 2007 - 2008

September	Ice Cream Social	February	Ugly Fabric Challenge Winners
October	Kris Driessen Guest vendor	March	Prep for quilt show
November	"Quilter's Treasure" Marbled fabric, trunk show and vendor	April	"Artists in Residence"
December	Holiday Potluck & Quilto	May	Deb Tucker Extravaganza Trunk show and 2 - 3 different all-day workshops
January	Trash & Treasure Garage Sale	June	Potluck & Teacup Auction



Please take a moment to fill out the form below and bring it to the September meeting along with \$15 for due

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Please mark: *New member* *or* *Renewal*

Have you ever held an office in this guild before?

If yes, what office(s) have you held?

Thank you for joining. We look forward to a great year of quilting!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM): SEPTEMBER 2007

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

QUILT PINK™ QUILTING BEE, September 22nd: The guild will hold a "quilting bee" to make breast cancer quilts at the Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room in St. Albans. For more information, please call Bonnie Evans at 868-7168.

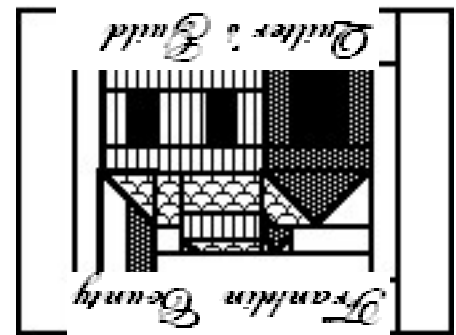
QUILTING BEE, 1st weekend in October: In October, the guild will hold a "quilting bee" at the Bakersfield Historical Society in Bakersfield. If you want to attend, please call Marilyn Jessiman at 827-3199.

QUILT SHOW, "A Harvest of Quilts," October 6th - 7th: Presented by Common Threads Quilt Guild at Peoples Academy Gym, Morrisville. Admission: \$5.00.

ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW, October 20th - 21st: At the Collins-Perley Sports Center in St. Albans, Vermont.

25th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, November 3rd - 4th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm: Presented by Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of Vermont at Shelburne Farms. Admission: \$5.00.

A QUILTERS' GATHERING, November 8th - 11th: Presented by the Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3 at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, New Hampshire. Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sunday, 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Daily admission \$9.00; Multi-day Pass \$14.00.



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