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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Our FCQG new year has begun. Happy New Year! On the 19th of August your Board and Committee Chairs met to discuss ideas for the year. One of the changes this year is a 5-10 minute demo at each meeting with a member sharing a new tip, trick or technique. Details are in the T³ article later in the newsletter. Nancy Magnant has been busy planning our monthly programs. I think you'll be pleased with the variety. For 2012-2013, Nancy Orcutt has a Mystery Quilt planned. This will replace the BOM this year. The fabric list is included in this newsletter. Each month, Nancy will provide another layer of the instructions. Join in the fun as we **trust** Nancy to slowly unfold the complete quilt over a 5-6 month period. Don't look ahead, just enjoy the experience. I have participated in two Mystery Quilts and absolutely loved the experience and the quilts. Kay has more books in the Library. She has provided a link to the assortment. Bonnie and team have been working on the Quilt Show. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Bonnie. Char and Christy are busy working on the 2013 charity quilt. If you are a friend on Facebook, you are up to date on the progress. They are still in need of 2 ½ strips of dark and light fabrics. Please bring them to the September meeting.

Correction in the May Newsletter: Gerda's helpers on the 2012 Charity Quilt were Linda Nadeau and Nanc Ekiert.

See you September 19th at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Happy Stitching,

-Ann Jacobs

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Ann Goergen-Jacobs

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Roseanne Terrill

Secretary

Kay Benedict

Treasurer

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Sharon Perry

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Programs

Nancy Magnant

Project Coordinator

Nancy Orcutt

Membership

Nancy Orcutt

Quilt Show

Bonnie Evans

Sharon Perry

Charity Quilt Coordinators

Breast Cancer Quilts: Joanne Sweet

Home Health Quilts: Alyce Bushey

Family Center Quilts: Denise Chase

Laurie's House Quilts: Denise Chase

Purple Heart Quilts: Jennifer Burt

Quilts of Valor: Roseanne Terrill

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

September 19th Ice Cream Social
& Silent Auction

October 17th Trunk Show
with Judith Brunn & Silent Auction

November 28th The Fabric of Our
Lives with Carol Prevost-Meier

December 19th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap

2012 – 2013 Guild Calendar

January 16th First & Worst Quilts
with Guild Members

February 20th Quilt Show Prep

March 20th Seeing Red...or Not
Redwork Demo (Kit provided)

April 5th Quilt Show Setup

2012 -2013 Guild Calendar

April 6th & 7th Quilt Show

April 17th TBA

May 15th TBA

June 19th Potluck
& Teacup Auction

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of August 22, 2012

Present: Denise Chase, Nancy Orcutt, Nancy Magnant, Bonnie Evans, Char Mulyca, Christy Mulyca, Joanne Sweet, Ann Jacobs, Roseanne Terrill, Sharon Perry, Kay Benedict

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President

Meetings

New this year: "Tips, Tools and Techniques" regular agenda item for each meeting when members can share brief demos and ideas; monthly drawings only for door prize and charity quilts; 10-minute reminder before meetings to get name tags, enter drawings, etc.

Membership

Discussed ways of attracting new members: guild info to Chamber of Commerce, local realtors, local craft show, Richford quilt show in October; and free meeting notices in County Courier and Messenger.

Library

An updated list of books is ready to be submitted for the website. The library now includes books only. Magazines can be offered to the monthly sale table.

Newsletter

Sharon encouraged submissions to the newsletter. Deadline for September newsletter is Wednesday, August 29.

Programs

Nancy Magnant announced monthly programs and led discussion of ways to fill open programs.

- September - ice cream social
- October - Woman vs. Machine: hand methods vs. machine methods. Bonnie will participate and show her quilts, representing machine work. Carolyn Babcock will be invited to show and tell about her hand work.
- November - Carol Prevost-Meier of Fibre Junction: fabric history program. Date changed to Nov. 28.
- December - holiday potluck, Yankee Swap
- January - First or Worst: members' show-and-tell of first quilts, worst quilts
- February - Progressive quilts, ideas for a future guild challenge. Quilt Show business.
- March - Redwork workshop
- April - Judith Brunn of Sharon Springs, NY: trunk show
- May - Miniatures. Sharon Shorey will be invited to participate.
- June - potluck, teacup auction

At the June 2012 meeting, Nancy surveyed members about interests; crazy quilting got the best response. We'll explore a future program about crazy quilting. Other ideas for future programs to be explored: Char Mulyca's Kansas friend for trunk show and workshops; Pat Ferguson for Zentangle and free motion quilting.

Quilt Show

The show is scheduled for the first weekend of April, 2013. Bonnie would like clearer guidelines for quality items for the Silent Auction, even if fewer items are submitted as a result. We could use some of the silent auction space for demos, not for more vendors, as too many vendors for the size of our show = vendors do poorly. Bonnie and Denise will make a crockpot of soup for vendor lunches. Kris Bachand took all the materials for ribbons.

Projects

Nancy Orcutt explained that we will do a Mystery Quilt this year, instead of Block of the Month. Instructions for "Seven Easy Pieces" quilt will be printed out in stages and distributed at the meetings; fabric requirements will be in the September newsletter. There will be one drawing upon completion, not monthly. The project may be finished in time for our quilt show, and we may think about this for our guild challenge at the show.

Charity Quilts

- Joanne needs more fabric to incorporate into Breast Cancer Quilts; Bonnie may have some.
- Strips, 2½ inches wide, are still needed for the 2013 Charity Quilt.

Other

-Denise Chase is thinking of using hand appliqued blocks alternating with pieced blocks for the 2014 Raffle Quilt. Several members volunteered to help with the applique.

-Bill Nihan contacted Ann about the 150th Anniversary of the St. Albans Raid, September 18-21, 2014. An antique show will be held on the 20th and 21st, and he expressed an interest in including quilts depicting the raid, Civil War quilts, perhaps reproduction quilts. Ann suggested he attend our show (and setup) next year. We will also contact Carolyn Babcock and Richard Cleveland about a possible quilt display.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

Back to School Time



FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of June 20, 2012

Present: Total attended 42, including one guest

Proceedings

- Meeting called to order (following a potluck supper) at 6:25 p.m. by Ann Jacobs, President
- Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Nance Ekiert, seconded by Sally Krupp
- May Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept by Mary Ellen Therrien, seconded by Giselle Nolan

Old Business

- Nominating Committee:

- All positions were filled except Quilt Show Chair and Co-Chair. Bonnie Evans volunteered to chair the show committee. Sharon Perry volunteered to serve as Co-Chair, if someone else would take over publicity/advertising. Christy Mulyca and Gerda Thibault agreed to do the publicity for the show.
- A motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Gerda Thibault, seconded by Marge Taylor.

- Charity Quilt: One letter was received, from Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. A motion to award the Charity Quilt to Camp Ta-Kum-Ta was made by Bonnie Evans, seconded by Roberta Gilmour.

- UFOs: Elaine Magnan, Alyce Bushey, and Ann Jacobs completed the most UFOs for the year.

- Quilt Show:

- By the numbers: gross \$2792, expenses \$1514.52
- Bonnie Evans made an appeal for constructive comments at the next show, rather than negative criticism.
- Carolyn Kittell started a discussion of a one-day show vs. a two-day show. It was generally felt that there were more advantages to continuing to hold the show for two days.

- Raffle Quilt: The top is finished and ready to be delivered to the quilter.

New Business

Charity Quilt 2013: Christy Mulyca showed a scrappy quilt made by the pattern "Loose Change." For the guild's quilt, she needs 2 1/2" x 18" strips in light and dark values for contrast. Strips can be sent to her at 1382 Pleasant View Rd, Richford, VT 05476.

Programs: Nancy Magnan suggested three guest speakers/workshop leaders/topics for next year and distributed sheets for guild members to turn in with their preferences.

Monthly Drawings

Monthly door prize won by Christy Mulyca; Block of the Month drawing won by Mary Ellen Therrien; charity quilt drawing won by Christy Mulyca.

Show and Tell included charity quilts and other quilts and projects

Program: Teacup Auction

Meeting adjourned (at conclusion of Teacup Auction) at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 with registration for 2012-13 and an Ice Cream Social.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

6:30 pm*	Doors open Sign-up for monthly drawings** Pick up name tag**
7:00 pm	Business meeting Show and Tell Short break as appropriate Program for the evening

*For select meetings, doors will open at 5:30 pm, and the meeting will start at 6:00 pm (usually the September, December, and June meetings or as stated in the President's Piece).

**Guild members are asked to sign up for the monthly drawings and pick up name tags BEFORE the business meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

2013 CHARITY QUILT

Char and Christy Mulyca, our guild's mother-daughter duo, have stepped up to make the 2013 Charity Quilt. They are making great progress, but are still in need of 2 1/2" x 18" strips in complementing dark and light fabrics. If you cannot bring your strips to the September guild meeting, you can send them to Christy at 1382 Pleasant View Road, Richford, VT 05476. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Christy at 845-238-4987.

Christy and Char are so excited to be able to contribute to the guild in this way! Christy and Char both love this pattern; Char was excited to pick it out for the guild's 2013 Charity Quilt!



MYSTERY QUILT REPLACES BLOCK OF THE MONTH THIS YEAR

Nancy Orcutt is this year's Project Coordinator. Instead of creating a Block of the Month (BOM) program for this membership year, Nancy will present a mystery quilt each month. The mystery quilt is called "Seven Easy Pieces" by Piece By Number.

It is a simple-to-sew, five-part mystery quilt which uses seven different easy blocks. Five blocks are paper-pieced, and two blocks are rotary-cut and pieced. In Part 5, you'll add an additional paper-pieced border around the quilt. The finished dimensions of the mystery quilt are 36" x 36".

Part 1 will be available at the September meeting. If you want to participate and make your own version of the mystery quilt, here are the fabric requirements:

Parts 1-4

- 5/8 yd Fabric A: medium-scale, medium value multi-color print (focus fabric)
- 1/2 yd Fabric B: dark value print in one or two shades, must contrast distinctly with Fabric A
- 5/8 yd Fabric C: Light value all-over print in one or two colors
- 1/8 yd Fabric D: medium value print in one or two colors

Part 5

- 1/4 yd light/bright solid or print (not a fat quarter, piece must measure at least 8" x 32")
- 1/2 yd dark print in one or two shades, may be same as Fabric B
- 1/2 yd total scraps in various medium and light value prints which coordinate with Fabrics A-D

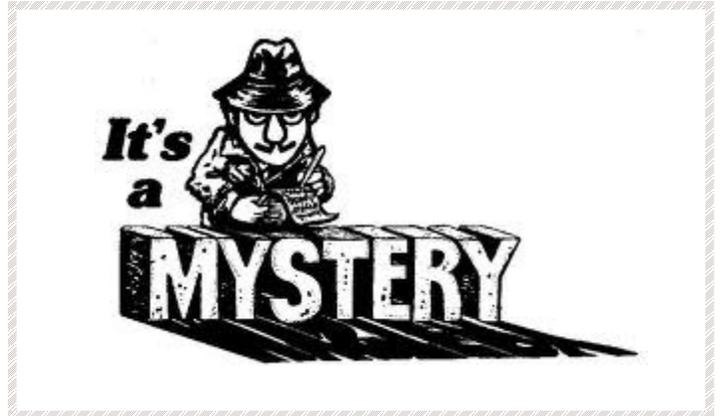
PLUS

- 1/2 yd additional fabric for straight-grain binding
- Backing fabric (38" x 38")

General Instructions: You may wish to wait until your top is completed through Part 4 before selecting fabrics for the binding and/or Part 5.

Do NOT choose directional fabrics when sewing this mystery quilt for the first time. Without knowing the entire quilt layout in advance, you will not be able to line up directional fabrics properly.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Since there will not be a regular BOM program, there will not be a monthly BOM drawing. Both the Monthly Drawing and the Charity Quilt Drawing will continue each month.



NEW MONTHLY FEATURE: TIPS, TOOLS, OR TECHNIQUES (T³)

Beginning at the September guild meeting, we'll unveil a new feature called T³ or T-Cubed. Guild members will be invited to share a new tip, tool or technique at each guild meeting. As quilters, we're always looking to learn about new quilting techniques, new quilting tools, and new innovative ways to accomplish the various steps in making a quilt.

How many members remember how the introduction of the rotary cutter revolutionized the quilting world? Do you remember how the "no waste" method of making flying geese took off with quilters around the world? And how many of us use the many innovative rulers Deb Tucker has created to make our quilt blocks easier to construct more accurately?

If you've learned a new technique, or purchased a new quilting tool, or have a great quilting tip, bring them to the guild meeting and share with your fellow members. Just let Ann Jacobs know before the meeting starts that you have a T³ item to share.

CONTINUING NEED FOR CHARITY QUILTS

Guild members make and contribute a significant number of quilts to numerous charities during each membership year. The guild has charity quilt coordinators for five specific charitable endeavors. But the guild's community support with quilts extends beyond those charities.

Despite the guild's best efforts, the community's need for quilts continues to grow, and the need is great. This year the Executive Board challenges each member to make at least one charity quilt.

The charity quilt coordinators have kits at each guild meeting. You can support the guild's charitable endeavors by taking one of the kits to complete at home and bring it back at a future guild meeting. Working together, guild members can provide quilts for many more community members in need.

QUILTING ONLINE By Kay Benedict

September traditionally means Back to School. What better time to consider enrolling in a class to help you take your quilt-making to another level? There are many online learning opportunities, but two in particular offer extended classes in different formats. (I have tried both, and I heartily recommend them.)

Quilt University, www.quiltuniversity.com, offers more than 120 quilting courses on a rotating schedule. A half-dozen classes begin every weekend, most lasting from two to six weeks. Between the start and end dates, students learn at their own pace. Classes consist of printable weekly lessons, plus discussion forums for interaction with

the instructor and students, and a photo gallery for sharing work in progress. Most courses cost between \$25 and \$50. You can sample the QU approach to online learning in a free 2-lesson class on Border Treatments.

A few of the Quilt University teachers and their classes are:

Bethany Reynolds: Stack-n-Whack Piecing Method

Nancy Chong: Applique Techniques for Hawaiian Quilts and Baltimore Album Quilts

Elizabeth Barton: Design Principles for Art Quilts.

Craftsy, www.craftsy.com, currently offers 22 quilting classes, each consisting of eight to twelve video lessons. Students learn at their own pace, on their own schedule, and access to the course never expires. A forum allows participants to ask questions and discuss lessons with the teacher and other current classmates. Each class can be previewed in video excerpts. Most classes cost from \$20 to \$40, although some shorter mini-classes and workshops are free.

Here's a sampling of Craftsy's quilting teachers and their classes:

Kimberly Einmo: Magical Jelly Roll Quilts

Elizabeth Hartman: Inspired Modern Quilts

Ann Petersen: Quilting Big Projects on a Small Machine

Amy Gibson: 12-month Block of the Month (FREE)

What do I like best about Quilt University and Craftsy online learning? No grades! And I can go to class in my jammies!!

To share your own experiences with online quilting courses, continue the discussion on the guild's Facebook page.

QUILT TIPS

- If you use the sew-n-flip method to add triangles to rectangles or squares, sew another seam $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch from the original seam between the seam and the outside corner. Trim between the seams, and you'll have a half-square triangle and one fourth of a pinwheel square.

- If you love all the great tips, copy & paste them into a Microsoft Word document. Organize them into categories, such as applique, piecing, machine quilting, fabric, finishing, storage, notions I want to try, etc. You can use bold, italic & underline for key words, or even color code the various tips. You can also add the tips found in quilt magazines. Print up full page of each category and keep in a loose-leaf binder. When you want to try a new technique or just need a reminder, you can refer to your binder.

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD**Treasurer's Report -- June 20, 2012**

	Opening Balance	\$2,902.39
Funds collected		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
	Total	\$2,902.39
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, May rent		\$35.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for May		\$25.00
Bonnie Evans, QS prizes		\$13.78
Carol Stanley, Fabric		\$9.78
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$83.56</i>
	Grand Total	\$2,818.83

2012 YTD Collections: \$2,901.76

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
06/20/12

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD**Treasurer's Report -- September 19, 2012**

	Opening Balance	\$2,818.83
Funds collected		
Silent Auction		\$31.00
Tea Cup Auction		\$178.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$209.00</i>
	Total	\$3,027.83
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Aug & Sep rent		\$70.00
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Aug & Sep		\$50.00
Ann Jacobs, Copies		\$7.71
Alyce Bushey, Fabric		\$5.00
Nancy Orcutt, Quilt Books		\$34.51
	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$167.22</i>
	Grand Total	\$2,860.61

2012 YTD Collections: \$4040.77

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
09/19/12

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND SALE, September 7th – 8th, 2012: Sponsored by the Lennoxville Quilters at St. George’s Church Hall, 84 Queen Street, Borough of Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada. Show Hours: Friday, 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$5. Refreshments available on-site. For more information, contact Margaret Littler, 819-884-5952.

19th ANNUAL BENNINGTON QUILTFEST, September 15th – 16th, 2012: Sponsored by the Quiet Valley Quilters Guild at Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington, VT. Featured quilter will be George Siciliano. Show also features new and vintage quilts, demonstrations, quilt raffle, door prizes, challenge quilts, vendors and food service. Show Hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$6, children under 18 are free. Handicapped accessible. For more information contact jsmithvt@together.net.

35th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW: A HARVEST OF QUILTS, September 29th – 30th, 2012: Sponsored by the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild at the Conference Center at Lake Opechee Inn, 62 Doris Ray Court, Laconia, NH. Featured special exhibit "Keepsake Quilting’s Challenge Collection." Show also features contest quilts, demonstrations, vendors' mall, guild table with handcrafted gift items, penny sale, raffle quilt, quilt appraisals, door prizes, and lunch. Admission: \$5 adult; \$3 student. Free parking. For more information contact belknapmillquilters@yahoo.com.

Deadline for articles for next newsletter:

Wednesday, September 26th, 2012

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

Don't forget to bring:
 Completed Registration Form (see pg 5)
 \$15 dues (cash or check payable to FCOG)
 Items for Show and Tell

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 c/o Sharon Perry
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