

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

### Saint Albans, Vermont



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#### President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

I have often thought that September is the beginning of a new year. I belong to the generation that started school the day after Labor Day so September was a fresh start. There is an exciting year in store for our guild this year. In February, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary. The Executive Team has met and firmed up our plans for the year. You won't want to miss a single meeting. The Program Co-Chairs took on the challenge of meeting the bar set by last year's Program Co-Chairs, so hold onto your rotary cutters!

Membership will award prizes for the first 10 people that get their completed forms and money to them before the first meeting. The Program Co-Directors have secured exciting door prizes and programs. Our new 501(c)(3) status has opened doors for us. (No promises, but the ice cream for our ice cream social may be Ben and Jerry's!) As part of our 25th Anniversary year celebration, members will be signing in at each meeting. For each meeting you attend and for every charity quilt you donate, a ticket will be placed in the drawings for fabulous prizes in February. Our website will contain information on our charity quilts, so if you don't want a kit, you can review the required sizes on our website.

Mark your calendars for our Quilt Show April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> with set-up April 1<sup>st</sup>. The City of St. Albans wants us to have our show at City Hall and have assured us that the renovations will be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> barring any unforeseen circumstances. What's life without a little drama? Stay tuned true believers!

Christy Mulyca, our Project Coordinator, has exciting ideas for us. There will not be a Block of the Month every month. Instead she is going to get us involved in other projects. Polish off those rotary cutters, dust off your cutting boards, and dive in! I don't know about other members, but my summer involved travel and time with grandkids so I didn't sew as much as I told myself I would last June. This year I plan to participate in the UFO Challenge. However, don't beat yourself up about your UFOs...at the Executive Team meeting one of our members who won prizes at our quilt show last year revealed that this summer she finally finished the first quilt she started!

Our September Meeting will be held at The Church of the Rock on September 16<sup>th</sup>. I know you'll want to get there early in order to catch up with each other so I'll have the doors opened by 6 p.m. with ice cream at 6:30 p.m. In the words of an old song, "See you in September"!

Helen Short

#### President

Helen Short

#### Vice President

Bonnie Evans

#### Secretary

Kay Benedict

#### Treasurer

Deb Dusablon

#### Newsletter

Sharon Perry

#### Librarian

Pam Salazar

#### Programs

Rose Rixon

Sharon Perry

#### Project Coordinator

Christy Mulyca

#### Membership

Char Mulyca

#### Quilt Show

Diane Kane

Nancy LaPointe

#### Charity Quilt Coordinators

Kris Bachand

Jennifer Burt

Alyce Bushey

Denise Chase

Elaine Magnan

Helen Short

Gerda Thibault

#### 2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

September 16<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social  
(6:30 pm start!!!)

October 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas in October

November 20<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Dan Perkins

November 21<sup>st</sup> Workshop  
with Dan Perkins

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Possible Workshop  
with Dan Perkins

December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
(6:00 pm start!!!)

#### 2015 – 2016 Guild Calendar

January 20<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Nancy LaPointe

February 17<sup>th</sup> S-U-R-P-R-I-S-E!!!

March 16<sup>th</sup> Civil War Quilts  
With Pam Clarke  
Quilt Show Prep

April 1<sup>st</sup> Quilt Show Set-Up

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Quilt Show

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show

#### 2015 -2016 Guild Calendar

April 29<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Pat Pauly

April 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop  
with Pat Pauly

May 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Workshop  
with Pat Pauly

May 18<sup>th</sup> Members' Garage Sale

June 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck &  
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Minutes of June 17, 2015

Present: Total attended 53.

Business meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Helen Short, President, after a pot luck supper and shopping for the teacup auction.

**Secretary's Report** for May meeting: Motion to accept by Rita Dean, seconded by Jean Anne Branch

**Treasurer's Report** for June: Motion to accept by Linda Nadeau, seconded by Gerda Thibault

**Slate of Officers** for 2015-2016: Motion to accept by Mary King, seconded by Nanc Ekiert. All 2015-2016 Officers were elected by unanimous vote.

**Charity Quilt and Raffle quilt -**

- A letter of request for the 2016 Charity Quilt was received from Martha's Kitchen. Motion to accept by Sharon Perry, seconded by Carolyn Kittell
- Nanc Ekiert, Gerda Thibault, and Linda Nadeau volunteered to make the 2017 Charity Quilt.
- Rita Dean, Helen Short, and Elaine Magnan volunteered to make the 2017 Raffle Quilt.

**Bylaws Revision** - Motion to adopt the bylaws as presented at the May meeting by Sharon Perry, seconded by Bonnie Evans. Bylaws were adopted by unanimous vote.

**Programs** - Sharon Perry reviewed plans she and Rose Rixon have made for our 25th anniversary year next year. Each monthly meeting will be a celebration, with the February meeting not to be missed!

**Quilt Show** - Nadine Froebel and Carolyn Kittell volunteered to work together on publicity.

**Membership**

- Char Mulyca announced that she plans to email the membership form to members in early August. The first 15 people to print the form and mail it to her with their annual dues will win a prize!
- Next year, the guild roster will be on our closed Facebook page. New members will be added as they join.

**Monthly Drawings**

- Door Prize: Deb Dusablon

- Charity Quilts: Gerda Thibault, Shirley Babcock, and Sandra Maynard
- Block of the Month for the June block: Helen Short and Nancy Orcutt
- Block of the Month for the whole year: Denise Chase, Carol Stanley, and Nadine Froebel

**Program**

- Teacup Auction - \$249 raised.
- Special Raffle - \$156 raised. Carol Mahoney won the batik fabric & machine quilting (Bonnie Evans) for the finished product. Kay Benedict won two tickets to the Bonnie Hunter lecture at VQF & a Bonnie Hunter book.

**Show and Tell**

**Next meeting** - Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



September	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jennifer	Burt
September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teri	Brunelle
September	4 <sup>th</sup>	Beverly	Cook
September	10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette	LaPierre
September	12 <sup>th</sup>	Helen	Bicknell
September	12 <sup>th</sup>	Dale	McFeeters
September	13 <sup>th</sup>	Nadine	Froebel
September	13 <sup>th</sup>	Monica	Kelley
September	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Jane	Palmer
September	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Donna	Blouin
September	28 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn	Kittell

*...and many more!!!*

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD**

Executive Team Meeting  
Minutes of August 26, 2015

Present: Helen Short, Alyce Bushey, Christy Mulyca, Char Mulyca, Nancy LaPointe, Diane Kane, Bonnie Evans, Rose Rixon, Sharon Perry, Elaine Magnan, Kay Benedict

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Helen Short, President

**Programs**

September 16 - Ice cream social

October 21 - Christmas in October (demos by guild members)

November 20 (Friday) - Dan Perkins trunk show (certified Deb Tucker instructor) + Saturday workshop and possible Sunday workshop

December 16 - Pot luck supper and gift exchange

January 20 - Nancy LaPointe trunk show

February 17 - 25th Anniversary birthday celebration with lots of surprises!

March 16 - Pam Weeks trunk show (Civil War quilts)

April 29 (Friday) - Pat Pauly trunk show (modern quilter) + Saturday workshop and possible Sunday workshop

May 18 - Members' garage sale

June 15 - Pot luck supper and teacup auction

**Membership**

- There will be prizes for the first 15 registrations.
- There will be an attendance list at each meeting.
- The roster will be emailed or put on our closed Facebook page. Only a few hard copies will be printed.
- Members will make their own nametags for the year.

**Quilt Show**

- The show is scheduled for the first weekend of April, 2016 (Saturday April 2 and Sunday April 3), with setup on Friday April 1. City Hall and the poles have been reserved.
- The entry form will be distributed at the September meeting, and there will be early entry challenges in October and February.

- The challenge quilt will honor our 25th anniversary. Each quilt must measure 25" x 25". Each quilt must use a recognizable portion of the silver fat eighth to be provided to each participant for \$1.00. Otherwise, any other colors, any design, and any techniques may be used.

**Projects**

Monthly projects will include a scrap exchange, nametags, a couple of BOMs, and a mystery quilt.

**Charity Quilts**

- Elaine Magnan and Alyce Bushey reported that there were more quilts turned in for Home Health last year than ever! Preferred size is lap size (ideally 38"-42" wide x 46"-54" long).
- Someone from Home Health will be invited to speak for 5-10 minutes at the October meeting.

**Raffle/Charity Quilt**

- 2017 Raffle Quilt will be disappearing hourglass pattern.
- 2016 Raffle Quilt and 2016 Charity Quilt are already in progress. Martha's Kitchen, the 2016 recipient, is already printing tickets to begin selling.

**New Business**

The guild made \$300 from the sale of four of our covered bridge patterns that were featured on Bonnie Hunter's blog. As a thank you to Bonnie, Sharon Perry suggested that some members might like to make an "H block" for her (one of Bonnie's current projects). Sharon will distribute the paper-piecing pattern at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary



***Celebrate  
September &  
Sunflowers!!!***



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD  
Treasurer's Report -- September 16, 2015**

Opening Balance		\$3,223.68
Funds collected		
Tea Cup Auction	\$249.00	
Special Raffle	\$157.00	
Martha's Kitchen donation	\$40.00	
Quilt Pattern sales	\$225.00	
Sandra Palmer donation	\$80.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$751.00
		<i>Sub-Total</i> \$3,974.68
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Aug & Sep rent	\$80.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Aug & Sep	\$70.00	
Bonnie Evans, Guild misc	\$82.80	
Helen Short, Copies	\$4.24	
Christy Mulyca, BOM copies for Apr & May	\$21.20	
Martha's Kitchen, Donation	\$40.00	
Jo-Ann's, QS prize	\$47.99	
St. Albans City Hall, QS 2016 rental	\$300.00	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$646.23
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,328.45</b>

2015 YTD Collections: \$3133.55

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

**GUILD WEBSITE NOW HOME TO FRANKLIN COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL**

Some members may already know, but others may not...the FCQG website's home page has a link to the Franklin County Barn Quilt Trail which resides on the guild website. You can check out the barn quilt trail here: <http://www.franklincountyquilters.org/fcbqt/index.html>.

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

Please email articles to Sharon Perry, [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), or mail to PO Box 517, Montgomery Center VT 05471



**25<sup>th</sup> Silver  
Anniversary**

## TIME TO CELEBRATE

In February 1991, the Franklin County Quilters Guild was

“born.” This membership year marks the guild’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As the Program Co-Directors, Rose Rixon and Sharon Perry have been busy all summer coming up with some fun ideas to celebrate this milestone. Some of the exciting ways to celebrate include: “surprises” for all members at every monthly meeting; a special birthday drawing each month; and, of course, a “birthday” party in February 2016. There will be “special” opportunities for increasing your chances to win some of the amazing drawings which are planned.

Be sure to come to the September meeting to pick up your very first “surprise” and to learn more

about what Rose and Sharon have planned for the rest of the year! See you on the 16<sup>th</sup>!!!

## PAYING YOUR DUES EARLY MIGHT EARN YOU A PRIZE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting marks the start of the 2015-2016 membership year. Dues will remain at \$15 for the year and are payable at this month’s meeting. Char Mulyca remains the Membership Chair, and she will be ready to collect dues at the meeting.

To avoid the long line which usually forms as guild members pay their dues, you can mail the completed membership form, which was emailed to all members, along with a check for \$15 payable to FCQG, to Char Mulyca, 1382 Pleasant View Road, Richford, VT 05476.

Char will have a special surprise for the “Early Bird” registrants. If you have any questions for Char you can email her at [ctcquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:ctcquilts@yahoo.com) or call her at 848-9072.

## 2015 - 2016 UFO UNFINISHED OBJECT CHALLENGE

Fill out the attached list (on next page) and return to Kris Bachand at the September meeting, the earliest meeting you can, or e-mail me one at [bachandkris@yahoo.com](mailto:bachandkris@yahoo.com).

Here are the rules:

- 1) It must have been started at least a year ago this coming September. If you have been working on it on a regular basis, at least once a month, it’s a Work In Progress – not a UFO.
- 2) If you started it a year ago this last November put it on the November line or after. Just to be clear, these are guidelines, I really don’t care, and I don’t think anyone else will check.
- 3) If you don’t know where it is, found it at the bottom of a pile, or you started it more than a year ago I think we can agree it’s a UFO. If you started it more than 20 years ago, congratulations, YOU are my favorite!!
- 4) You must show and tell, provide a picture of, or a witness to the completion of the quilt.
- 5) Points will be awarded as follows:
  - a. ONE point to the first person to give me a completed UFO list.
  - b. ONE point for each finished UFO.
  - c. ONE additional point for any UFO shown in the month it is listed.
  - d. ONE additional point if you donate it to one of the charities.
  - e. TWO points for each additional UFO finished in a month.
  - f. FIVE points for anyone who completes every quilt on their list. This could involve some serious strategy on your list making plans.

The participant with the most points after the June 2016 meeting can let me know the name of their favorite quilt shop and I will get you a \$25 gift certificate.

No matter what, the less UFOs there are in the world, the warmer and more beautiful a world it will be. So let’s sew!

**FCQG 2015 - 2016 UFO Challenge**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

September \_\_\_\_\_

February \_\_\_\_\_

October \_\_\_\_\_

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## DO YOU JUST BELONG?

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Are you an active member? The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you content to know your name is on the list?

Do you attend every meeting? And mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay away and then complain long and loud?

When you are asked to lend a hand do you say "yes" real quick?  
Or pass the chance to share the fun then talk about the clique

So many quilting projects are waiting to be done  
And all can be accomplished with support from everyone.

Memberships are more than meetings so help with hand and heart  
Don't just be another member, but take an active part!

Take a minute, think it over...it really won't take long...  
Are you an active member here? Or do you just belong?

## QUILTING TIPS

- Use a felt tip pen to mark the notch when you take the thread end out of a spool for the first time. You'll easily be able to relocate the notch to lock the thread end back in place for storage.
- Use a shallow, opaque plastic storage tub for a quick, portable light table. Place an under-the-cupboard switch-on fluorescent light under the inverted tub and begin tracing.
- Loosen the paper backing of fusible web to remove it from appliqué pieces by scoring the paper with a straight pin.
- Use a sticky note to mark the line you will use on your ruler when rotary cutting. The note does not have to be right on the line you want, just close enough to help you distinguish it from the other lines.
- When working with fusible web, slide a paper grocery bag over your ironing board to protect the cover. Cut the bottom out of the bag to make it slide on easily. As you work, rotate the bag to position a clean area at the top.
- Tape a used rotary cutter blade to a flat piece of cardboard with masking or duct tape before discarding so no one will be hurt digging through the trash.
- Do not use fabric softener when pre-washing fabrics or for projects you've appliquéd with fusible web. The agents in the fabric softener may prevent the fusible web from adhering or may loosen your appliqué.
- When you empty a plastic package of sewing machine needles, mark an X on each side of the package with a black marking pen. Store your used needles in the box until it is full and then throw the whole thing away safely.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bennington Quiltfest, September 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Sponsored by the Quiet Valley Quilters Guild at the Mount Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington. Show hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 9 am – 4 pm. Admission \$7, Children 12 and under free. Features new & vintage quilts, demonstrations, Quilt Raffle, door prizes, Challenge Quilts, vendors, guild boutique, People's Choice Awards, and special exhibits. **Handicapped Accessible.**

**A Harvest of Quilts, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Sponsored by the Common Threads Quilt Guild at the People's Academy, Morrisville. Show hours: Saturday, 10 am – 4pm; Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm. Admission: \$2. Features over 100 quilts by guild members, vendors, Teacup Auction, guild boutique, Raffle Quilt & Drawing, and door prizes awarded all day, both days. For further information call Cindy Smorgans at 802-644-5880.



- Don't forget to bring:**
- Completed membership form
  - \$15 cash or check payable to FCQG for dues
  - 2015-2016 UFO Challenge Form
  - Items for Show and Tell & UFO Challenge

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