

# Franklin County Quilters Guild

## SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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#### 2022 Raffle Quilt

Penny LaRochelle

#### 2022 Charity Quilt

Denise Chase

#### President's Piece

It's September already! It always amazes me how quickly the summer flies and we are on the verge of fall. A whole new round of activities and opportunities. Traditionally, it is a season of fresh starts, new pencils and clean slates. I'm very excited about our programs for this year! Cindy and Gale have done an amazing job of putting together a schedule for us. We have some great workshops planned, too. I hope you will try to take advantage of them. I know whenever I take a workshop, I always come away with some new technique or shortcut.

Yes, we are still in the throes of a global pandemic. We are mindful of the storm clouds over our heads. If we need to, we now have experience at meeting on Zoom and have shown that it works. We can enjoy our programs and socialize while sewing in our own homes. Of course, we hope that we will be able to be together. Seeing beautiful quilts in person is much better than seeing them on a screen, don't you think?

Speaking of Zoom, one change the board made for this coming '21/'22 year is for our January and February meetings. We will be having guest speakers for those months on Zoom. Rather than having to trudge through the snow and clean off our cars, we can get a cup of hot chocolate and stay in our slippers. We can enjoy a great presentation without leaving our homes. (If you don't have good access, you might have to ask a friend for that cup of hot chocolate and enjoy the presentation at their house -- don't be shy about asking!)

And on the subject of Zoom, I think the Guild owes Sharon Perry a HUGE debt of gratitude. What would the Guild look like right now if she had not stepped up and figured out how to do all this techy stuff? Be sure to thank her. She has spent a ton of time over the last year, not just for the meetings, but also for the sewing sessions. STANDING OVATION!!

We have learned a lot over the past year and a half. I hope we remember how to appreciate the small things -- getting a cup of coffee with a friend and seeing our family whenever we want. Reminds me of the line from a song -- "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." And now you will be humming that for the rest of the day! You're welcome!

Piecefully yours,

Laurel Schaap, 2021-2022 President



#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

September 15<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social

Potholder Exchange

(Doors open at 5:30 pm; food at 6 pm)

October 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas in October  
with Member Demos

November 17<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Jean Anne Branch  
and Mary Jane Marchewicz

December 16<sup>th</sup> Holiday Potluck  
Gift Exchange

#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

January 19<sup>th</sup> Bag Trunk Show **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox

January 20<sup>th</sup> Bag Workshop **on Zoom**  
with Joan Radell, Bucklebee Toolbox

February 16<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza Trunk  
Show **on Zoom** with Cyndi  
McChesney, Cedar Ridge Quilting

February 19<sup>th</sup> Panel Palooza Workshop  
**on Zoom** with Cyndi McChesney,  
Cedar Ridge Quilting

#### 2021 – 2022 Guild Calendar

March 20<sup>th</sup> Singer Featherweights and  
Vintage Sewing Machines with  
Barb & David Morgan

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quilt Show

April 20<sup>th</sup> TBD

May 18<sup>th</sup> Trunk Show  
with Laurel Schaap  
& Member Garage Sale

June 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck & Teacup Auction

**Franklin County Quilters Guild  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by President John Rouleau. There were 31 members present at 29 locations. The Consent Agenda passed on a motion for acceptance by Helen Bicknell, seconded by Sharon Perry.

The program was our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, celebrated in the 31<sup>st</sup> year due to the COVID Pandemic.

Denise Chase announced that the Comfort Quilts flow in and out, especially to the Franklin County Home Health Agency. Home Health provides services to both a pediatric and adult population so quilts of all sizes can be used.

The Quilt Show Co-Chairs, Barb Pratt and Helen Short will meet with Penny LaRochelle in early July. Nanc Ekiert will be designing the lobby layout.

Penny announced that there were 58 members of the Quilt Guild in 2020-2021. She will send out a letter the beginning of August with information for joining in 2021-2022. It is expected that the membership will increase when we go back to 'in person' meetings at the Church of the Rock. The Sew Alongs have been a helpful tool for keeping members connected. They will continue through the summer.

The winners for the YoYo You're So Creative Challenge were announced. Twelve members submitted photos of their creations. Natalie Good won the random draw of a prize donated by Martelli Notions. Mayor Tim Smith was the judge, and Carol Stanley received the Mayor's Ribbon for her entry.

John thanked members for their contributions this year. He said it was like Stone Soup that started with a kettle of water and we all added things to make the "18 Months of COVID" a successful one for our Guild.

Nanc Ekiert and Sharon Perry sent letters to quilting related businesses asking for donations for our 30<sup>th</sup> year, celebrated in the 31<sup>st</sup> year due to the COVID Pandemic. The Guild started on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1991. The donations were sorted to make them of equal in value for all members. Gifts were available for pick up at Denise Chase's home for members. Members in Milton could pick theirs up at Nanc's. The donation of an EQ8 Design, valued at \$200, was reserved as a Grand Prize. John Rouleau won the drawing. His daughter and Guild member, Becky Mandeville, volunteered to help him learn to use it. As part of the program, members shared memories of past Guild meetings and events.

The drawing was also held for the guild's Raffle Quilt. Joe MacGregor from Georgia, VT, won. Penny called him up "on air" to tell him that he had won. Show and

Tell was held and Deb Trahan won the door prize drawing held at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Short, Secretary

**Franklin County Quilters Guild  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Present:** Present: Laurel Schaap, John Rouleau, Natalie Good, Diane Comeau, Gale Weld, Cindy Metayer, Penny LaRochelle, Sharon Perry, Helen Short, Teri Brunelle, and Helen Bicknell

The meeting began with discussion by Cindy and Gale surrounding the upcoming programs for the 2021-22 year. Cindy had a handout prepared outlining potential programs and a few suggestions were made to fill the "blanks." The September meeting will be the ice cream social using novelty ice creams rather than the traditional scoops and toppings. The January and February meetings will be held on Zoom taking weather events out of the equation.

Laurel opened with a discussion surrounding the issue of whether to meet inside or possibly outside (weather permitting). No decision was made and will be determined prior to the September meeting.

Laurel also addressed the current Facebook page and website. It was decided to make the Facebook page public. The membership list will not appear on the Facebook page. The Facebook administrators will be Helen Short, Penny LaRochelle, and Diane Comeau.

Laurel raised concerns about how to announce the first meeting and ways in which to draw people to attend. It was suggested that we post the information on our town's front-page forum. Sharon will handle a press release for the local papers.

Helen Short and Teri Brunelle shared information about the Quilt Show. It has been suggested that we limit the number of entries to two per person until we know how much room we need. The Guild members will be surveyed regarding interest in having Sandra Palmer appraise quilts. There was some discussion about vendors—how many; what may be sold by vendors; and if there are any ways to make room for additional vendors, if needed. Helen described the Challenge Quilt.

John mentioned that he has many quilting books that he would like permanently removed from his home. He will bring them to Guild meetings and explain how members may obtain these books.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Bicknell, Secretary



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021****FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD****Treasurer's Report -- September 15, 2021**

Opening Balance		\$5,417.18
Funds collected		
Raffle tickets	\$383.00	
Membership	\$460.00	
	<i>Total Funds Collected</i>	\$843.00
	<i>Sub-Total</i>	\$6,260.18
Funds paid out		
Sharon Perry, B'day gift postage 2022 tickets	\$78.40	
	<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>	\$78.40
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,181.78</b>

2021 YTD Collections: \$1,549.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer

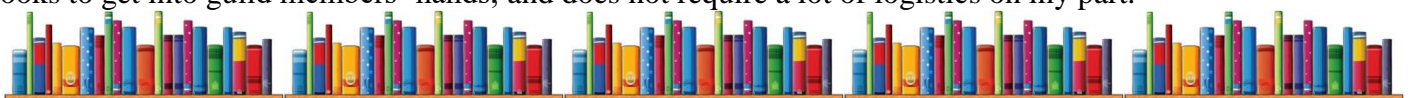
**GUILD LIBRARY**  
**(by John Rouleau, Librarian Per Stirpes)**

The Executive Committee met this past week at Laurel Schaap's house amid a feeling of confidence and cooperation in discussing the coming year. I am sure this newsletter has a lot of information for you and the point of this letter is to draw your attention to a decision the Executive Committee made regarding the books in the Quilt Guild Library.

They currently sit in the cellar of my home, where Alice installed them several years ago. They live with a dehumidifier, but still, they are in the cellar and I can't imagine that their condition is improving as time goes by. Also, they are leading a pretty lonely life: like Duke Ellington and Bob Roberts, they *don't get around much anymore*. We have all seen the seemingly complete shift from learning about quilting from books to learning on the Internet and in workshops.

Still, there may be some favorites in the collection and the Executive Committee has asked me to bring a batch to each of our in-person meetings. Everyone who attends the meeting is encouraged to pick out two books before the meeting begins (so that each member gets a shot at finding books they might like) and then to take as many books as they like after the meeting ends. The books that remain after that will be either given to the Elegant Page in St Albans, or put on an ice floe in Baffin Bay, whichever seems easier at the time.

I applaud the Executive Committee for their plan: it moves the books out of their current limbo; provides for the books to get into guild members' hands; and does not require a lot of logistics on my part.





## RECIPE CORNER

### DUTCH APPLE CAKE

3 medium tart apples, peeled; cut into ¼-inch slices  
 3 tablespoons plus 1 cup sugar, divided  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 ¾ cup butter, softened  
 4 large eggs, room temperature  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2 cups all-purpose flour  
 ½ teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, combine the apples, 3 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon; let stand for 1 hour.

In another bowl, cream butter and remaining sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Combine flour and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and beat until smooth.

Transfer to a greased 9x5-in. loaf pan. Push apple slices vertically into batter, placing them close together.

Bake at 300° for 1½ to 1¾ hours or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. Serve warm.

### SLOW COOKER PORK AND APPLE CURRY

2 pounds boneless pork loin roast, cut into 1-inch cubes  
 1 medium apple, peeled and chopped  
 1 small onion, chopped  
 ½ cup orange juice  
 1 tablespoon curry powder  
 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules  
 1 garlic clove, minced  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 ½ teaspoon ground ginger  
 ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 2 tablespoons cornstarch  
 2 tablespoons cold water  
 Hot cooked rice, optional  
 ¼ cup raisins  
 ¼ cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted

In a 3-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until meat is tender.

Increase heat to high. In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook for 30 minutes or until thickened, stirring once.

Serve with rice if desired. Sprinkle with raisins and coconut.

### “EVERYTHING” STUFFING

½ pound bulk Italian sausage  
 4 cups seasoned stuffing cubes  
 1½ cups crushed cornbread stuffing  
 ½ cup chopped toasted chestnuts or pecans  
 ½ cup minced fresh parsley  
 1 tablespoon minced fresh sage or 1 teaspoon dried sage  
 ⅛ teaspoon salt  
 ⅛ teaspoon pepper  
 1¾ cups sliced baby Portobello mushrooms  
 1 package (5 ounces) sliced fresh shiitake mushrooms  
 1 large onion, chopped  
 1 medium apple, peeled and chopped  
 1 celery rib, chopped  
 3 tablespoons butter  
 1 can (14½ ounces) chicken broth

In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles; drain. Transfer to a large bowl. Stir in the stuffing cubes, cornbread stuffing, chestnuts, parsley, sage, salt and pepper.

In the same skillet, sauté the mushrooms, onion, apple and celery in butter until tender. Stir into stuffing mixture. Add enough broth to reach desired moistness. Transfer to a 4-qt. slow cooker. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours, stirring once.

### CARAMEL APPLE CREAM CHEESE DIP

8-oz package cream cheese  
 ½ cup caramel sauce  
 2 large, sweet apples  
 ⅓ cup praline pecans  
 ½ cup caramel sauce  
 ¼ cup toffee bits

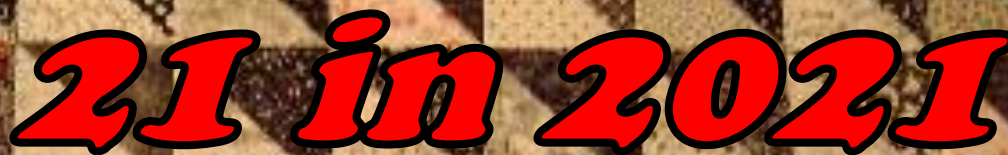
Set cream cheese out to soften. Core apples, then chop (about 3 cups); chop pecans.

Combine cream cheese and caramel sauce in large bowl; stir until mixture is smooth. Stir in apples, pecans, and toffee bits.

Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve. Makes 12 servings. Serve with sliced apples, pita chips, or pretzels.








**There's still time to participate!!!** Join in the fun and make 21 quilted projects by the end of 2021 and your name will be entered into a special drawing held in December 2021. If you'd like to participate, fill in your name and 21 projects you'd like to finish this year on the list below. This is your list...you can add to it throughout the year if need be to have 21 projects or you can remove a project, or swap out projects, etc...you just have to have ***21 Finishes in 2021*** AND you must send a picture of each project for one of the guild's monthly show and tell on Zoom. You can show multiple projects in one month. You also don't have to show a project every month, you just have to have ***21 Finishes in 2021!*** You will maintain your own list, but you must let Sharon Perry know you are participating.

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## 2022 RAFFLE QUILT



Organized by Denise Chase and Sharon Perry;  
Quilted by Bev Cook, Treasured Moments Quilting

*Blue Ribbon winner at the Vermont Quilt Festival*

### WE WANT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS

Sharon Perry has agreed to coordinate the raffle ticket sales for the 2021 – 2022 membership year. Raffle tickets will be available, along with a picture of the quilt, at the September meeting. As a reminder, to remain a member in good standing and eligible to take guild workshops, each member must sell 2 packets of tickets. The tickets are 1 ticket for \$2, or 3 tickets for \$5. Once sold, members can give the tickets and money (check(s) payable to FCQG) to Sharon at one of the meetings or mail it all to Sharon Perry, PO Box 517, Montgomery Center, VT 05471. Be sure to include your return address/name on the envelope so Sharon can properly credit the ticket sales to your name.

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...MEMBERSHIP DUES!

September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild. The FCQG 2021-2022 membership form can be found [here](#).

Your completed membership form and your \$20 check, payable to FCQG, should be sent to Penny LaRoche. Penny's address is included on the membership form.



Teri	Brunelle	September	2
Beverly	Cook	September	4
Helen	Bicknell	September	12
Dale	McFeeters	September	12
Gale	Weld	September	12
Nadine	Froebel	September	13

*...and many more!!!*

### SEPTEMBER MEETING TO FEATURE POTHOLDER EXCHANGE

Along with enjoying an ice cream social at the guild meeting in September, members are encouraged to make a potholder for the 1<sup>st</sup> Potholder Exchange. Below are a few free patterns to make a potholder:

Hexie potholder:

<https://www.thesewingdirectory.co.uk/hexie-pot-holder/>

Double potholder with pockets:

<https://makeit-loveit.com/make-double-pot-holder-hand-pockets>

Starbright potholder:

<https://verykerryberry.blogspot.com/2010/12/starbrigh-t-pot-holdermugrug.html>

Simple potholder:

<https://radianthomestudio.com/how-to-sew-a-simple-potholder/>

Potholder and oven mitt:

<https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/bags-pillows-gifts/gifts/too-hot-to-handle>

Potholder with pockets:

<https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/2017/3/22/patchwork-potholder-a-mini-quilt-for-your-kitchen-free-tutorial>





## BELKNAP MILL QUILTERS GUILD 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND MYSTERIOUS QUILT JOURNEY

You are invited to view a kaleidoscope of color along the streets of and in three buildings in downtown Laconia, NH, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, during the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show and Mysterious Quilt Journey.

As you walk or drive along from one display venue to another, you have a chance to experience a Mysterious Quilt Journey with beautiful quilted works of art on display at various businesses that have been matched up to represent their business. When you arrive at one of the three venues you will find over 200 quilts and many works of art on display. You may begin your journey, in Laconia, at any one of the venues: Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon Street; Laconia Housing, 32 Canal Street; or The Conference Center on Main Street. Admission includes all locations, \$10.00 Adult and children under 12 free with a paid adult admission.

The quilted works of art vary from the traditional or modern quilt patterns in many different categories ranging from bed quilts to wall art work, machine embroidered, wearable, a special category for Juniors, under the age of 16, and a featured special exhibit for first time quilters! There is something for everyone to view.

A raffle quilt made by guild members will be on display. Tickets are available the day of the show. The drawing will take place on Sunday, and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 5 for \$6.00.

Two very popular booths, Attic Corner and Quilted Treasures, will once again be available for visitors. Attic Corner has donated items, tools, books, fabric, and much more, that members have found that they no longer need. Quilted Treasures has a multitude of handmade finished products that showcase the talents of our members.

The quilt show is more than a chance to display works of art, it is also a chance for guild members to engage with other quilters to share their passions and inspire each other to start the next project, or finish their UFOs. (Shh....when quilters talk about UFOs they are referring to their unfinished objects, partially sewn quilts and blocks that seemed to have accumulated.)

There will be vendors set up at the various venues with a vast range of merchandise for sale. Anything from sewing machines and longarm machines, to fabric, patterns and needles can be found along with finished products.

The show is run entirely by volunteers from the guild and is the guild's only fundraiser which supports the many community-based projects and allows the BMQG to give back. In addition to providing financial support to local food pantries, the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Salvation Army, and St. Vincent de Paul, guild members contribute to the community. Members volunteer to produce quilts, placemats, and masks for many different organizations throughout the Lakes Region.

For further information: [info@bmqq.org](mailto:info@bmqq.org) or [bmqq.org](http://bmqq.org)



2021 BMQG Raffle Quilt

### 2022 VERMONT HOME CHALLENGE

The guild is planning for the 2022 quilt show. "Vermont Home" will be the challenge for next year's quilt show.

Members wanting to participate will pay \$1 for a piece of green fabric. That green fabric must be used in the quilt. The maximum size of the quilt is 96" inches in perimeter. As such, your quilt could be 24" x 24" or 12" x 36" or any size where the total measurement of all 4 sides added together is 96" or less.

### GLORY OF AUTUMN QUILT FEST

**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Municipal Building, 222 Main Street**

**NEWPORT, VT**

**\$5.00 admission**

**Sponsored by the  
North Country Quilters Guild**



**SEPTEMBER WORD SEARCH**

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 MORNING GLORY  
 CORN MAZE  
 VOLLEYBALL  
 HARVEST  
 AUTUMN  
 SOCCER  
 ASTER  
 CARAMEL  
 CANNING  
 EQUINOX  
 LABOR DAY  
 BONFIRE  
 SWEATER  
 CORNSTALK  
 SCARECROW  
 TEACHER  
 FOOTBALL  
 APPLES  
 VIRGO  
 LIBRA  
 BOOKS

**LINK TO BARN QUILT TRAIL OF NORTHERN VERMONT**

<http://www.barnquiltsfornorthernvermont.org/>

**NEWSLETTER IDEAS WANTED:** Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with guild members? Or maybe you've found a great quilting website or blog you'd like to share. Or you've visited a quilt shop within an easy drive which had bargains or a fabric selection no quilter should miss. If so, send an email to [vtquilter@gmail.com](mailto:vtquilter@gmail.com), and the newsletter editor will do her best to include it in the next newsletter. Although welcome, your input doesn't have to be a complete article. It could be a few bullets which convey your message. The editor will fill out the article as needed.

**Deadline for articles for next newsletter:**

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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



*"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With Summer's best of weather and Autumn's best of cheer." ~ Helen Hunt Jackson*