

Franklin County Quilters Guild

SUGARHOUSE GAZETTE

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2025 Raffle Quilt

Laurel Schaap

2025 Charity Quilt

Sharon Perry & Denise Chase

President's Piece

Welcome back and happy September!

As we begin another year of gathering and quilting, we want to highlight Leadership. Here we are, co-presidents of an amazing group that has been around since 1991. As in any organization, there are people who step up to lead the way toward meeting the group goals. The mission of the FCQG is, "to promote an interest in the art of quilting for the members and for the benefit of the community". We believe that you don't need a title to be a leader...we can each take a turn at leading when it's needed!

Steve Hartmann, CBS Sunday Mornings, along with two of his children, discussed leadership. His son said "leadership is the art of motivating others into action, ideally to achieve something for the greater good." Hartman agreed, then added, "It's more like setting an example, in a convincing way, that makes others want to follow your lead." There it is! That's what we want to do!

We chose to work together in the spirit of cooperation and to set an example of teamwork! Most of us are finding that tasks we completed with ease a few years ago have become a bit more challenging. We tend to reach out to our family members and friends to help with those previously simple tasks. So, if you haven't tried it yet, pair up with a friend to make a charity quilt or try a difficult pattern! Volunteer with a friend to fill a spot or help with a project! It makes the process much more fun! Teamwork and leadership... all wrapped up in a quilt!!

We are excited to be a part of this Guild and its mission in the greater community. Let's all move forward positively to comfort our community with quilts!!

Piece by piece,

Jean Anne Branch
2024-2025 Co-President

Mary Jane Rossi
2024-2025 Co-President



2024 – 2025 Guild Calendar

September 18th Trunk Show
with Debi Montgomery
& light refreshments

September 19th Mystery Quilt
Workshop with Debi Montgomery
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Swanton)

October 16th Trunk Show with
Denise Chase, Ice Cream Social, and Brown Bag
Exchange

November 20th Trunk Show
with Karen Abrahamovich

2024 – 2025 Guild Calendar

November 23rd Workshop with Karen
Abrahamovich, NMC Conference Room

December 18th Holiday Potluck
and Gift Exchange

January 15th Virtual Trunk Show
with Linda Diak ON ZOOM

February 19th TBD

February 22nd Workshop with Nanc Ekiert,
NMC Conference Room

March 19th Guild Members'
Skill Sharing Session

2024 – 2025 Guild Calendar

March 22nd Quilted Jacket Workshop with
Janice Roy, NMC Conference Room

April 4th Quilt Show Set-Up

April 5th & 6th 25th Annual Quilt Show

April 16th Strippers Night!

Left-Right-Center Strip Poker Game

May 21st Brown Bag Exchange (return)
Show & Tell

June 18th Potluck & Trunk Sale
All proceeds to benefit the guild
(Doors open at 5:30 pm; potluck at 6 pm)

Franklin County Quilters Guild
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Laurel Schaap for our monthly in-person meeting.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Helen Bicknell and 2nd by Sharon Perry to accept both Treasurer's report and Minutes of the May meeting. No discussion. Motion carried.

Chair Reports:

Membership (Penny LaRochelle): Penny reported a total of 62 paid members, 32 in attendance with three guests of members present.

Comfort Quilts (Denise Chase): Denise solicited the assistance of long armers as she has a number of quilt tops ready for quilting. She also had quilts available for piecing. It was noted Denise welcomes members to stop by to pick up kits or deliver quilts at her home in St. Albans over the summer. Denise shared that she anticipates requests for twin size quilts (at least 60 x 80") for Habitat for Humanity and to Spectrum that will open a local youth shelter. Denise recently supplied quilts to Franklin County Rehab including one to a D-Day veteran and to a family who lost their home in a fire.

Quilt Show (Laurel Schaap):

It was determined a Quilt Show will be held the first weekend in April 2025. The pole issues have been resolved and Co-Chairs identified, Mary King and Beth Mouser. Penny LaRochelle will again design the quilt show layout. The April 2025 show will mark the 25th consecutive year (minus 2020-2022 for the pandemic) for this event. Further discussions will be held to determine if shows will be held biannual or continued yearly.

Sugarhouse Gazette (Sharon Perry): The newsletter can be found online [here](#). Each newsletter comes out at least 2 weeks before each meeting. Items for the next newsletter are due to Sharon by August 28th, which is the last Wednesday of the month.

24 in 2024 Challenge (Sharon Perry): There is a form on the website and in the newsletter for the 24 in 2024 challenge. This challenge is for more than members' UFO's, it can be for all types of sewing projects. You can write down what project you have completed on the form. Members are encouraged to bring their completed projects to share at Show and Tell when possible.

Block of the Month (Lucie Fortin): Lucie supervised the June Block of the Month drawing and provided a surprise prize drawing for 8 members who had completed BOMs throughout the year. Guild members thanked Lucie for providing a great program this year.

2025 Raffle Quilt (Laurel Schaap): The lovely 2025 Raffle Quilt created by Laurel and quilted by Diane Comeau was displayed. Ticket sales information will be forthcoming.

2025 Charity Raffle Quilt (Sharon Perry): Sharon shared details of the quilt she and Denise Chase plan to create. The number of 2025 Charity Raffle Quilts to be donated will be determined next year. The deadline for

applications by charities to request a raffle quilt will be January 2025. One request has already been received. Membership will vote to select the recipient(s) in March.

Nominating Committee for the 2024-25 Slate of Officers (Denise Chase):

- Denise presented the nominating committee's recommended Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs for 2024-25:
 - Co-Presidents: Jean Anne Branch and Mary Jane Rossi
 - Vice President: Bonnie Evans
 - Secretary: Gale Weld
 - Treasurer: Deb Dusablon
 - Programs: Cathy Carlson and John Rouleau
 - Projects (BOM): Carol Stanley
 - Membership: Penny LaRochelle
 - Quilt Show Chair/s: Looking for volunteer/s
- Motion was made by Helen Short to vote on the nominations for the 2024-2025 year, 2nd by Krissy Kilburn. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Program and workshop announcements for 2023-24 (Cathy Carlson and John Rouleau):

- Cathy reported September's program and workshop will be a Mystery Quilt project by Debi Montgomery. The pattern will be designed for and owned by our Guild.
- October's presenter will be Janice Roy with a program on how to make a jacket out of a quilt.
- November will feature a program by Karen Abrahamovich.
- A Potluck and gift exchange is planned for the December meeting.

Other Business:

- Diane Comeau presented samples of the digitized embroidery patterns of the covered bridges from the Bridges of Franklin County quilt. These patterns will be available soon.
- The Trunk Show held at the meeting provided over \$280 in proceeds to the Guild.
- A thank you note was received from the Rock Steady Boxing group for the donated 2023-2024 Charity Raffle Quilt the guild presented to them in at the May meeting. They plan to use ticket proceeds to purchase equipment and training opportunities.

Drawings:

- Carol Stanley won the membership door prize.
- Bonnie Evans won the comfort quilt door prize.
- Krissy Kilburn won the Block of the Month door prize for June.
- Helen Bicknell, Denise Chase, Deb Trahan, Gale Weld, Sarah Reed, Helen Short, Carol Parks and John Rouleau won prizes from the combined drawing of completed BOMs this year. Congratulations to the winners!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Perry, 2nd by Carol Parks. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Metayer, Acting Secretary for Diane Kane

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- September 18, 2024**

Opening Balance		\$10,138.24
Funds collected		
Trunk Sales	\$370.00	
September Workshop	\$800.00	
Membership	\$240.00	
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<i>Total Funds Collected</i>		\$1,410.00
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$11,548.24
Funds paid out		
Cadi Corners, Comfort Quilt batting	\$207.00	
Debi Montgomery, Sept presentation/workshop deposit	\$500.00	
Country Thyme Vermont, Door prizes	\$250.00	
CVQG, 2025 QS pole rental	\$300.00	
City of St. Albans, 2025 QS auditorium rental (3 days)	\$617.75	
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<i>Total Funds Paid Out</i>		\$1,874.75
	Grand Total	\$9,673.49

2024 YTD Collections: \$8,087.05

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer



**SEPTEMBER MEETING FEATURES
INTERNATIONAL QUEEN OF MYSTERY QUILTS FROM NEW ZEALAND**

Debi Montgomery has been quilting since 2010. In that time, she went from starving for patterns and making everything she could get her hands on, then venturing into testing for other brilliant designers in the industry. After testing for a few years, she decided it was time to take the plunge into the design world. Debi hasn’t looked back since. She designed first for Quilters Club of America as a mystery quilt designer, designing five for them before the website changed hands. Moving countries didn’t slow her down, moving from one strength to another.

After designing a mystery for The Quilting Company, Debi decided to take that final plunge and design for herself and others, offering the patterns for free on Facebook. She “branded” as Mystery Quilts Anonymous after feeling like an addict to mystery quilting, falling in love with it and being hooked! The Facebook group grew from 0 to 5000 in less than 18 months! It became a place where every other quilt addict can find acceptance and support and many patterns to keep them busy! One can never have too much fabric or too many patterns!



DIGITIZED COVERED BRIDGE PATTERNS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CADi CORNERS LLC



All twelve bridge patterns from the 2013 Raffle Quilt, Bridges of Franklin County (pictured to the left) are now available for purchase [here](#) on the CaDi Corners LLC website.

If you wanted to make the blocks (and quilt) but don't do hand embroidery, here's your opportunity to be able to make the Covered Bridges of Franklin County quilt using machine embroidery patterns.

MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

Unless otherwise noted, the monthly guild meeting will follow the following format.

- 6:00 pm Doors open
Sign in at membership table
Sign up for monthly drawing if you haven't won this year
Sign up for BOM raffle if you made one
Sign up for comfort quilt drawing if you made a comfort quilt
- 6:30 pm Business Meeting
Program for the evening
Short Break as appropriate
Show and Tell



QUILTING PODCASTS YOU SHOULD BE LISTENING TO...

The Quilter on Fire: The Quilter on Fire is an interview based podcast is hosted by Brandy Maslowski, and includes a wide variety of guests from throughout the quilting industry. Recent interviews have included quilters, quilt historians, and product representatives/developers.

Measure Twice, Cut Once and Other Life Lessons Learned from Quilting: Makers have stories! In these casual interviews, Susan Smith's guests talk about the joy, hope, and even healing that can be found in the process of creating something beautiful.

The Quilters Circle Podcast: The National Quilters Circle is bringing quilters worldwide The Quilters Circle Podcast, where host Ashley Hough

interviews various quilters about their lives and stories.

American Patchwork & Quilting Podcast: The American Patchwork & Quilting podcast is aimed at making your quilting life more fun and creative, while connecting with quilters just like you. Join the staff of the magazines you love for a great episode filled with tips and tricks.

A Quilting Life Podcast: Hosted by mother and daughter Moda fabric designers Sherri McConnell and Chelsi Stratton, A Quilting Life Podcast with Sherri & Chelsi is a series of light-hearted and informative conversations that provide the listener with quilting industry news, quilting tips, and creative inspiration.

Adventures in Quilting: This podcast is a series of fun stories that are occasionally fact but are often fiction. You don't have to be a quilter to listen but if you are a quilter, or married to one, or know one, or lived with one, or passed one on the street you'll certainly relate to these stories. Mimi's Quilting Emporium is the hub of activity in Bitchfield, PA, a common little town with uncommon characters.

Quilt & Tell: Every quilt has a story to tell. Tracy, Lori and Ginger from Quilting Daily cover the full spectrum of experience, from a third-generation quilter to a practicing novice, and pull inspiration from their distinct backgrounds. Each episode features a patchwork of in-depth conversations and engaging stories that appeal to quilters of all skill levels and all quilting genres.

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

September marks the start of a new membership year for the guild.

Here are the details for this year's membership dues:

- The FCQG 2024-2025 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.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)

Carol Stanley, this year’s Project Coordinator for the guild, has a fun Block of the Month program planned...think scraps! Guild members will be using scraps (or leftover fabric from other projects) to construct the blocks each month. There will be general guidelines for fabric colors (i.e. no green or white, specific color to use, etc.) along with “super simple” instructions to make the block each month.”

To get the party...er...Block of the Month started, please bring two (2) 5-inch squares of a fun fabric...think I Spy! Members can trade for 2 fabric squares they don’t have and use them in the first month’s block. When members check in at the reception table, they can leave 2 squares and take 2. Carol will bring extra squares for new people who won’t have seen the newsletter.

If you turn a block in, you get to enter your name in the BOM Drawing. You can make as many blocks as you want and enter your name a corresponding number of times. If you win all the blocks, they are yours to keep.

You can only win the blocks one time in a membership year which runs from September through June. If you win, you’re asked to continue making the monthly BOM so the other winners have a similar number of blocks.

SUNSHINE CARDS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

If you know of a guild member who is in need of encouragement or comfort due to an illness, bereavement, etc., please contact Diane Comeau, 802-310-1837. She will send out an appropriate card.



Teri	Brunelle	September	2
Laura	Olsen	September	2
Beverly	Cook	September	4
Sarah	Reed	September	8
Helen	Bicknell	September	12
Dale	McFeeters	September	12
Gale	Weld	September	12
Berta	Petrie	September	18
Anza	Myers	September	19
Carol	Parks	September	27

...and many more!!!





RECIPE CORNER

MOIST BANANA BREAD RECIPE

- 3 very ripe bananas (medium/large)
- ½ cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup walnuts
- ½ cup raisins

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a bread loaf pan. Lightly roast walnuts in a skillet, continuously stirring so they won't burn. Coarsely chop and cool to room temperature.

In a mixing bowl, cream together softened butter and ¾ cup sugar.

Mash bananas with a fork until the consistency of chunky applesauce and add them to the batter along with 2 eggs, mixing until blended.

In a separate bowl, whisk together: 1½ cups of flour, baking soda, and salt then add to butter/sugar mixture.

Add vanilla extract, and mix in chopped walnuts and raisins. Pour into prepared loaf pan. Bake at 350°F for 55-60 min or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let banana bread rest for 10 min before transferring to a wire rack to cool.

BANANA PUDDING

- 4 large eggs
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon plus a pinch salt
- 2 cups whole milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 30 to 40 vanilla wafers
- 3 to 4 medium ripe bananas

Separate the yolks from the whites of 3 of the eggs; set aside the whites. Add the remaining whole egg to the yolks.

In a saucepan, whisk together 1/2 cup sugar, the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Stir in the whole egg and 3 yolks, and then stir in the milk. Cook uncovered, stirring often, until the mixture thickens, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla.

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Spread a thin layer of the pudding in a 1 1/2-quart casserole dish. Arrange a layer of vanilla wafers on top of the pudding. Thinly slice the bananas crosswise, about 1/8 inch thick, and arrange a layer of banana slices over the wafers. Spread one-third of the remaining pudding over the bananas and continue layering wafers, bananas and pudding, ending with pudding.

To make the meringue, beat the reserved egg whites with a pinch of salt until they are stiff. Gradually beat in the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and continue beating until the whites will not slide out of the mixing bowl when it is tilted.

Spread the meringue over the pudding with a spatula, making a few decorative peaks on top, and bake until the meringue is lightly browned, 5 minutes.

BANANAS FOSTER MILKSHAKE

Bananas Foster:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 ripe bananas, peeled, cut into ½-inch-thick slices
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup banana liqueur
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt

Milkshake:

- 8 ounces Jamaican dark rum, such as Myers's
- 2 pints vanilla bean ice cream, slightly thawed
- 1 cup whipped cream
- Pinch cinnamon
- 4 maraschino cherries, stem-on

For the Bananas Foster: Add the butter and the bananas to a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat and cook until the bananas are caramelized, about 2 minutes per side. Stir in the brown sugar and cinnamon. Pulling the sauté pan away from the flame, add the banana liqueur and stir to combine. Stir in the vanilla extract and salt, and scrape the bananas Foster into a bowl to cool.

For the Milkshake: Combine the rum, the cooled bananas Foster and the ice cream in a blender and blend until smooth and creamy. Pour into glasses and top with a dollop of the whipped cream. Dust with cinnamon, garnish with a maraschino cherry, and serve with a long straw.



SEPTEMBER

by Annette Wynne

Golden in the garden,
Golden in the glen,
Golden, golden, golden
September's here again!
Golden in the tree tops,
Golden in the sky—
Golden, golden, golden
September's going by!

FEATURED VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvAnssA6nXo>
Tea & Cookies for Two September Placemats
Shabby Fabrics



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, 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 25th, 2024

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



*September is
National Mushroom Month*



"Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul." ~ Peggy Toney Horton