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President's Piece

Hello Everyone,

Our first meeting was a success! *whew* I didn't pass out & no one threw tomato pin cushions at me *giggles*

Our guild has been/is successful because of all the people willing to step forward and volunteer for various positions. I often find myself asking, why do people join guilds - why did I join a guild? A guild is "an organization of persons with related interests, goals, etc., especially one formed for mutual aid or protection". I feel people join guilds, in large, for the social aspect (meet new people, gather w/friends). We want to gain & share knowledge about our passion for quilting. Most importantly, I think we need/want a way to use our passion to benefit and serve our community. Our guild provides a fantastic avenue to do all these things! With that said, now is a great time to get more involved! All our positions are filled! It's a lot easier to jump on someone else's wagon and get shown 'the ropes' before deciding to steer the wagon on your own. Perhaps you prefer to do some 'behind the scene' stuff, like take home a charity quilt kit or two. Do you want to get better acquainted w/your fellow guild members/make new friends? Join Alyce B. and 'the gang' at the Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans (we meet most Sundays and sessions will be starting again soon). There are so many fun ways to participate and be a more active component of your guild. I hope this is the year you all decide to do just that. I look forward to getting to know all of you better in the process!

♥ In the crazy quilt of life, I'm glad you're in my block of friends. - Unknown ♥

Roseanne Terrill

P.S. We all love to share and learn from each other, so don't forget to bring a T3 (tip, trick or technique)!

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

September 18th Ice Cream Social
(6:00 pm start!!!)

*October 16th Trunk Show
with Alicia Cardoza*

November 20th TBA

December 7th StrataVarious Quilts
Workshop with Kay Benedict

December 18th Holiday Potluck
& Yankee Swap (6:00 pm start)

2013 – 2014 Guild Calendar

January 15th Redwork Demo
with Guild Members

February 19th An Evening in Red
Wear Something Red
Show & Tell of Red Quilts

March 19th Quilt Show Prep
Program TBD

April 4th Quilt Show Setup

April 5th & 6th Quilt Show

2013 -2014 Guild Calendar

April 25th Trunk Show
with Kay Berquist,
Vermont Quilt Designs

April 26th Crazy Quilt Runner
Workshop with Kay Berquist

May 21st TBD

June 18th Potluck &
Teacup Auction (6:00 pm start!!!)

WELL DESERVED THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks go out to/for:

- Pam Salazar for the wonderful slide show we watched while enjoying our ice cream!
- The Catherine Jette Quilter's Estate Sale did very well, raising over \$1,000. Babette said that Andrew, Kat's husband, was excited that most of the stuff went and couldn't thank us enough for helping him out.
- Carolyn Kittell & Nancy Magnant did a great job lining up trunk shows, workshops and games - this is definitely going to be a mega fun year!
- Based on the blocks that were turned in already, the BOM program by Nancy Orcutt and Carol Stanley is already a huge hit!
- Carolyn Kittell for volunteering to head up the new Sunshine Program (suggested by Anne J.). It's sad to say that we, as a guild, have not done a good job of acknowledging major life events, such as birth of a child/grandchild, major illnesses and/or deaths of family members, etc. Many times we don't find out about these situations until well after the fact. The Sunshine Program provides us with an avenue to better acknowledge these major life events. Anyone who has knowledge/information that applies may contact Carolyn or me.
- Kris Bachand for volunteering to head up the UFO Challenge this year! I'll be putting my UFO list together... wonder if the 1/2 dozen quilts that have been waiting for bindings count as UFOs? How about the quilt tops that are done that need quilting & binding...do those count?
- Denise Chase & Bonnie Evans, Char & Christy Mulyca, and Susan Stewart for volunteering to fill the 2015 Raffle Quilt, Charity Quilt & New Year's Baby Quilts positions.

**OCTOBER SPEAKER FROM
NEIGHBORING GUILD**

Alicia Cardoza will be the guest speaker for October. She is a member of the Champlain Valley Quilters Guild of VT. Alicia will be discussing techniques and designs developed by Sue Pelland. You can view those techniques and designs at this link: <http://suepellanddesigns.com/>

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month...
Have you had your mammogram yet???*

**Happy
Halloween**



A Family

*A family is like a patchwork quilt
With kindness gently sewn
Each piece an original
With beauty all its own
With threads of warmth and happiness
Its lightly stitched together
To last in love throughout the years
A family is forever.
Author Unknown*

Quilter's Poem

*Love is a quilt - a quilt is love . . .
Both love and a quilt should be:
Soft enough to comfort you,
Bright enough to cheer you,
Generous enough to enfold you,
Light enough to let you move freely,
Strong enough to withstand adversity,
Durable enough to last a lifetime,
And given gladly, from the heart.
Author unknown*

FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD

Minutes of September 18, 2013

Present: Total attended 55, including two guests Roberta Schmidlen and Pam Haas, and three new members, Pat Bird, Donna Blouin, and Cleone Pigeon.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roseanne Terrill, President, followed by an Ice Cream Social, a slide show by Pam Salazar of an outdoor quilt show in Montana, and a scavenger hunt mixer. Members also shopped the Catherine Jette "quilter's estate sale" set up by Babette Coons.

Secretary's Report for June meeting: Motion to accept by Shirley Babcock; seconded by Nancy Orcutt. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report for August Executive Board Meeting: Motion to accept by Sharon Perry; seconded by Ann Jacobs. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for September: Motion to accept by Diane Forey; seconded by Sharon Perry. Motion carried.

Old Business

- 2014 Raffle Quilt: The quilt has been completed, and Denise Chase showed it to the group.
- 2014 Charity Quilt: Two designs were shown by Joanne Sweet and Ann Jacobs, and members voted for their favorite. The finished quilt will be displayed at our quilt show in April, and then given to the Montgomery Historical Society in May 2014 for fundraising.

New Business

- 2015 Raffle Quilt: Denise Chase and Bonnie Evans volunteered to make the quilt.
- 2015 Charity Quilt: Char Mulyca and Christy Mulyca volunteered to make the quilt.
- Susan Stewart volunteered to make the 2015 New Year's Baby Quilts. She has already made the quilts for 2014.
- Ann Jacobs suggested that we have a "Sunshine Person" to make contact with guild members or their family members for significant life events. Carolyn Kittell volunteered.
- Roseanne read a thank-you note from Ann Jacobs for the signature blocks made by guild members and given to her at her last meeting as guild President.

Programs

- Carolyn Kittell previewed this year's schedule of programs.

- Members should note the change of date for the meeting in November. Meeting with guest speaker, Linda Pearl of The Patchwork Pearl, will be on Friday, November 15th. She will lead a workshop using fusible applique technique for a maximum of 20 participants on Saturday, November 16th.

- Members should note the change of date for the meeting in April. Meeting with guest speaker, Kay Berquist of Vermont Quilt Designs, will be on Friday, April 25th. She will lead a Crazy Quilt Runner workshop on Saturday, April 26th.

Newsletter: Sharon Perry reminded members she is not emailing notifications each month when the newsletter is available for viewing on the FCQG website. Christy Mulyca will put an announcement on the FCQG facebook page.

Quilt Show

- Denise Chase and Dale McFeeters will be having a committee meeting soon.
- Kay Benedict distributed Quilt Registration Forms and reviewed guidelines.

Block of the Month

- A few blocks were submitted at this meeting, so these will be added to the ones that are brought to the October meeting. They should be made in a fall color and cream with black in the center.
- Instructions from Quilter's Cache were distributed, and the link is available in the September newsletter.

Charity Quilts: Kits have been assembled and are available for Home Health, Laurie's House, and Breast Cancer Quilts.

UFO Challenge: Kris Bachand volunteered to head this up for the year.

T3 (Tips, Tricks and Techniques): Postponed until next month.

Library: Kay Benedict showed three new books in the FCQG library collection. She also showed sample blocks from two of them.

Monthly Drawings

- Door Prize: Pam Salazar
- Charity Quilts: Shirley Babcock

Show and Tell

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 at 7 pm. Program: Sue Pelland Designs and small trunk show by Alicia Cardoza of Champlain Valley Quilt Guild.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Benedict, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2013**FRANKLIN COUNTY QUILTER'S GUILD
Treasurer's Report -- October 16, 2013**

Opening Balance		\$4,889.67
Funds collected		
Membership	\$825.00	
Covered Bridge patterns	\$180.00	
VQF covered bridge sales	\$105.00	
	<i>Funds Collected Total</i>	\$1,110.00
		<i>Total</i> \$5,999.67
Funds paid out		
Church of the Rock, Oct rent	\$35.00	
Gerald Perry, Room set-up for Oct	\$25.00	
Nancy Orcutt, 3-mos BOM copies	\$1.33	
Bev Cook, 2014 Raffle Quilt quilting	\$118.00	
Alyce Bushey, Ice cream social & Home Health fabric	\$91.40	
Kay Benedict, QS registration copies/supplies	\$30.73	
Carolyn Kittell, Joann's & copies	\$29.97	
	<i>Funds Paid Out Total</i>	\$331.43
		Grand Total \$5,668.24

2013 YTD Collections: \$8299.13

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Dusablon, Treasurer
10/16/13

QUILT TIPS

- To make a handy applique board, use a polyurethane cutting board and hot glue a piece of sandpaper all around, cut it to fit...it even has a handle for hanging or carrying...it works great!
- Check out any local scrapbooking shop for interesting shapes that would be great for quilting.
- Save 6½" squares of fabric from all the clothes you make for your children. By the time they're adults, you should have enough for a memory quilt for them.
- Use fleece as the batting and backing for kids quilts. It saves time and money and makes for a real cuddly blanket.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter:

Wednesday, October 30th, 2013

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

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING

Guild plans for the month of **November** have changed! The **meeting will be** held on the normal 3rd Wednesday of the month, **November 20th @ 7pm, doors open @ 6pm**. Please be sure to update your calendars! Despite Carolyn's best efforts, the initial plans for a Linda Pearl trunk show & workshop fell through, BUT Carolyn did not give up and came up w/a wonderfully fun alternative! This is a fantastic opportunity for guild members to gather, learn, sew and get to know each other better.

MINI-RETREAT/WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER

On **Dec 7th, 9:30am - 3:00pm, at The Church of the Rock**, a very special "mini-retreat" will be hosted by our very own Kay Benedict! Kay will teach a class from the new book "StrataVarious Quilts" by Barbara Persing & Mary Hoover. The class will be on blocks from the quilt Hop City and will focus on using scrappy batiks (or whatever fabric you choose). **Lunch will be pot luck. Cost: FREE**

Both Carolyn and Kay will be at the church all day. If you prefer, you are not limited to what the class has to offer. You may just bring a project of your choice & work on that instead - come share in the camaraderie of your fellow guild members!

What to bring:

- Sewing machine & any sewing tool/notion you need to sew
- Scrappy fabrics, preferably but not limited to batiks (bring extra to swap & share) or whatever project you choose to work on
- Extension cords
- Iron/ironing mats (due to electrical limitations, we'll only be able to set up a couple of ironing stations. We will have to share) :)
- Dish for the potluck lunch

This mini-retreat/class is FREE! However, attendance is **limited to 25** and will be first come, first serve. This is a fantastic opportunity for seasoned members and new members to gather, learn, sew and just have fun. You must **register NLT Wednesday, October 16th**. Carolyn Kittell will have a signup sheet available on October 16th or you may email her at ckittell@franklinvt.net

MORE QUILT TIPS

- If you save all your scrap fabrics, cut them into small squares or strips before putting them away. They'll be ready when you want to make a scrap quilt.
- Applying spray starch to fabric before cutting on the bias. The starch will help keep fabric from stretching and distorting.
- Whenever you cut a new piece of fabric, cut one additional strip 2" or 2½" wide. Store the strips together for strip piecing projects. If you start now, you'll have enough for the December workshop.
- If you have access to a photocopy machine, you have the perfect "value" finder. Just slip a piece of fabric, or several pieces onto the glass, close the cover, and make a black and white copy. You'll have instant values without the distraction of color!
- Keep a bamboo skewer handy near your sewing machine. It makes a great stiletto for holding the fabric as it gets near the needle and saving your fingers.
- Turn your ironing board in the opposite direction from normal use. Place the iron on the narrow end which will leave more wide space for fabrics and patchwork pressing.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR GETS A LITTLE AHEAD... ON THE BLOCK OF THE MONTH (BOM)

Apologies to all the guild members...this newsletter editor tried to get the BOM started a month early. As a result, the same BOM from last month appears again for this month with a few more guidelines.

For the 1st BOM this year, Nancy has chosen a block found on www.quilterscache.com called *Squares within Squares 2*. Nancy has indicated all the BOMs this year will be drawn from the Quilt Blocks Galore section of the Quilter's Cache. She has also indicated the theme for the entire year will be scrappy. In this month's block, Color 1 in the instructions should be a fall color; Color 2 should be black; and Color 3 should be cream or off-white...*make it scrappy!*

Here's the link: <http://www.quilterscache.com/S/SquareswithinSquares2Block.html>

Don't forget to continue to Page 2 of the instructions; the link to Page 2 is at the end of the third paragraph.

RECIPE CORNER: Ricotta Cheesecake

16 oz. cream cheese, softened
16 oz. ricotta cheese, drained
1 ½ cups of sugar
3 tablespoons flour
3 tablespoons corn starch
1 tablespoons vanilla
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 pint sour cream
4 eggs
1 stick (½ cup) melted butter

Combine all ingredients together. Bake in a greased and floured spring-form pan at 325 degrees for 1 hour. Turn oven off and let cake sit for 3 hours. Remove pan from oven and refrigerate. Great served with fresh fruit or fruit syrup.

RECIPE CORNER: Artichoke And Curried Egg Dip

6 eggs, hard-boiled
1 16-oz. can artichoke hearts
¼ cup mayonnaise
½ cup sour cream
Salt and pepper to taste
Curry powder to taste

Peel and chop the eggs. Drain and chop artichoke hearts. Combine eggs and artichokes into a very coarse spread. Add mayonnaise, sour cream, salt, pepper, and curry powder, and mix together. Serve with crackers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Harvest of Quilts, October 12th – 13th, 2013: 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 100 quilts by guild members, Memorial Display of Quilts by Barbara O'Toole, vendors, Silent Auction, guild boutique, Raffle Quilt & Drawing, and door prizes awarded all day. For further information call Cindy Smorgans at 802-644-5880.

14th Biennial Quilt Show, October 12th – 13th, 2013: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of NY at the Plattsburgh State Field House. Show hours: Saturday, 8 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 8 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$6. Features quilts, vendors, guild boutique, raffle baskets, quilting demonstrations, scissors sharpening, silent auction, refreshments, and Raffle Quilt. For further information, email jwelch@westelcom.com or visit www.cvqgny.org

Fall Craft Show, October 19th – 20th, 2013: At the Collins Perley Sports Complex on Rt. 104 in St. Albans. Show hours: Saturday, 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm.

Inspired By Color, 31st Annual Quilt Show, October 19th – 20th, 2013: Sponsored by the Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of VT at The Field House, Shelburne. Show hours: Saturday, 10 am – 5pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission: \$6. Features quilts, vendors, crafts, café, Raffle Quilt & Baskets, demonstrations, and special displays. For further information, contact Wendy Thompson at quilter704@yahoo.com or 802-872-7025 evenings & weekends.

A Quilters Gathering, October 31st – November 3rd, 2013: Sponsored by the Eastcoast Quilters Alliance 3 at the Radisson Hotel, Downtown Manchester, NH. Show hours: Thursday through Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday, 10 am - 3 pm. Admission: One-day pass, \$10; Multi-day pass, \$12.

Don't forget to bring:
 - Completed guild membership form
 - \$15 cash or check payable to FCCG
 - Items for Show and Tell

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